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## Navy's Need of More Men And Ships

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Herculean task of the British Fleet in modern conditions—performing the task of the five fleets in the last war—was outlined by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons to-day.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr. Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence said Mr. Alexander, he had no hesitation in asking for "many more ships, very good ships, greater numbers of men, very fine men, and great quantities of stores of the most substantial kind."

The task of the Fleet had been magnified by the collapse of France which had altered the whole fabric of British strategy. The collapse of France gave the Germans now a naval ally in Italy numerically stronger at sea than the Germans themselves. It did more than turn Mussolini into an accomplice to a pirate—it gave the pirate himself new lairs whence to sail forth.

When the threat first loomed up, the Navy had just completed a vast series of operations from the mist-shrouded cliffs of Narvik to the sun-bathed beaches of St. Jean de Luz, of which history has probably never seen a parallel.

**Dunkirk Losses**  
The Navy bore its part with the Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers in extricating hundreds of thousands of our troops from Norway and France. It was not a task for which our ships were designed. Consider-

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## Goering Sees Antonescu Vienna Conference

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Marshal Goering has had a long conference with General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, says a Vienna dispatch to the official German news agency.

They discussed "important military and economic questions of interest to both countries."

The talks were conducted "in a spirit of German-Rumanian friendship and collaboration."

**Returns By Plane**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Mar. 5 (UP).—General Antonescu, returned from Vienna by special plane this afternoon accompanied by the German economic expert, Herr Herman Neubacher, after conferring with Air-Marshal Goering at Vienna during the morning.

**German View**

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Informed German circles said today regarding the Vienna conference that "while the principal action of the conference centres around military questions they will probably include political questions, but no dramatic results are expected."

## Carol Escapes To Portugal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 5 (UP).—A "Trans-Ocean" report from Madrid states that ex-King Carol of Rumania and Madame Lupescu escaped to Portugal last Monday with forged diplomatic passports. The report added that the police are now searching for members of the ex-King's suite, all of whom seem to have vanished. Meanwhile, Spanish officials are absolutely silent regarding the incident.

**NAZIS IN MOROCCO**

Revelations By Mr R. A. Butler

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The presence of German troops in Casablanca, French Morocco, was revealed by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

In reply to a question, Mr. Butler stated that a representative of the German Armistice Commission had been in Casablanca for some months.

Early in February, a considerable number of German officers and men were reported to have arrived there in uniform and bearing arms.

Estimates of their number, varied, added Mr. Butler.

**Weyand Returning**

VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—General Weyand, returning for the first time since he went to Africa on a special mission, arrives here to-morrow.

**ATTACK ON BOULOGNE**

Fierce Dog-Fights High In The Sky

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—A formation of bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Boulogne this afternoon, while squadrons of fighters offensively swept the Channel and northern France.

The report added that three fighters were lost, one enemy fighter was destroyed and several seriously damaged in dog-fights which were waged so high it was impossible to confirm their destruction.

**German Version**

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the British bombed Boulogne to-day damaging a number of dwellings. German anti-aircraft guns broke up the enemy formations and a German fighter shot down one Spitfire.

The report said that German fighters formations engaged enemy fighters near the British coast and six Spitfires were shot down.

**Bombless Day**

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—No bombs have been dropped in any part

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## EDEN'S NOVEL PLAN TO FORESTALL NAZI ATTACK ON SALONIKA

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, MAR. 5 (UP).—ACCORDING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, WHILE IN ATHENS, PROPOSED THAT GREECE SHOULD CEDE THRACE TO TURKEY SO THAT BULGARIA WOULD HAVE NO COMMON FRONTIER WITH GREECE, WHEREUPON ANY GERMAN ATTEMPT TO REACH SALONIKA WOULD NECESSITATE VIOLATION OF TURKEY TERRITORY.

Additionally the British Legation has urged members of the British colony in Thrace to evacuate their families as soon as possible.

"Thrace was peopled in the time of Herodotus and Thucydides by a vast number of different tribes. The earliest Greek poets, Orpheus, Linus, Musaeus, and others are all represented as coming from Thrace. The Thracian Chersonesus was probably colonised by the Greeks at an early period, but it did not contain any important Greek settlement till the migration of the first Milesians to the country during the reign of Pisistratus. After the Persians had been driven out of Europe by the Greeks, the Thracians recovered their independence. Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, reduced the greater part of Thrace, and after the death of Alexander the country fell to the share of Lysimachus. It subsequently formed part of the Macedonian Dominions.

**Salonika Landings Report**

ROME, Mar. 5 (UP).—Almost one complete Canadian division has landed at Salonika, declares Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia."

The newspaper's correspondent at Beirut reports that strong British forces are concentrated on the Palestine-Syria frontier, and he claims that Mr. Anthony Eden, while visiting Ankara, attempted to persuade Turkey to attack Syria, but the Turks refused.

**Mr Eden Ends Mission**

ATHENS, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, have concluded their series of talks with the Greek Prime Minister.

"Reuter" understands that the conversations were very satisfactory in all respects.

Mr. Eden and the British delegation are leaving shortly for Cairo.

Crews in Athens still continue to show the utmost enthusiasm at the presence of Mr. Eden and General Dill and the people follow the British visitors wherever they go.

While Mr. Eden paid a final visit to the Prime Minister this morning, General Dill visited the Greek hospital and the British canteen.

**Call At Greek G.H.Q.**

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—General Dill, called at the Greek G.H.Q. in Athens to-day, according to the Athens radio.

He was joined there by King George of Greece.

**Execution Of Hardy Nords**

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Stating that the sentences are "revolving and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion," the Swedish newspaper "Socialdemokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians, condemned to death by the German military court at Bergen for espionage. The charge was one of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions.

It is feared that a similar fate awaits the Norwegians who were sentenced to death on a similar charge at Haugland where a further 13 or 14 Norwegians are awaiting trial.

## Britons Warned To Leave Yugo-Slavia

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The British Consulate in Belgrade has addressed a circular to all Britons in Yugo-Slavia advising those who are not kept on urgent business to leave the country, according to dispatches to the official French agency.

Most women members of the staff of the British Legation and the Consulate in Belgrade and families of the Legation staff are already preparing to leave.

Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Yugo-Slavia, returned to Belgrade yesterday from Athens where he went to see Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary.

**Minister's Discretion**

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—It is learned in London that the British Minister in Belgrade has for some time been able at his discretion to advise British subjects with no urgent reasons for staying, to leave Yugo-Slavia as soon as Germany started occupation of Bulgaria.

If some British subjects are now leaving Yugo-Slavia, they are doubtless acting on his advice.

**Yugo-Slavia Mobilisation**

BUDAPEST, Mar. 5 (UP).—The official German news agency reports that Sofia and eight other cities have mobilised all men between the ages of 16 and 45 and all women from 20 to 60 under the civilian mobilization law.

The communiqué adds that in Libya, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, there is nothing of importance to report.

On all fronts in Italian East Africa, air support by bomber and fighter aircraft was given to the advancing British troops.

**Nearing Addis Ababa**

KHARTOUM, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Ethiopian patriots have occupied the village of Mankusa, eight miles east of Debramarkos in the Golljam area, 120 miles north-west of Addis Ababa, according to the latest news received here.

The Italian forces evacuated Burye yesterday morning after prolonged guerrilla pressure by the patriot army, and are now in full retreat towards Debramarkos. They are being continually harassed by the advancing Abyssinians.

An Ethiopian battalion trained in the Sudan took a prominent part in these guerrilla tactics. The patriots are being joined by a large number of deserters from the enemy.

**Burye Made Untenable**

The R.A.F. recently gave much attention to making Burye untenable for the enemy. The latter put up desperate resistance for several days but were unable to hold out against the combined attack from land and air.

The latest batch of deserters from the enemy numbering 1,700 easily beats all previous records. The desertions indicate the extent of the demoralisation and disintegration of the native elements under the Duke of Aosta.

**Valona Again Bombed**

CAIRO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—British bombers have attacked warships off Valona in addition to an attack on warships at Chimara, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communiqué issued here to-day.

Two of all our aircraft engaged in Middle East activities failed to return.

## Italians Killed By Own Shells

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SALONIKA, Mar. 5 (UP).—The afternoon newspapers report that furious artillery duels are going on along the central Albanian front following the failure of the latest violent Italian counter-attacks. Hundreds of Italians, making an effort to strengthen their fortifications, were caught by artillery cross fire. Scores of them were killed by their own shells.

**GERMANS OVERRUN BULGARIA**

Streaming Towards Greek Frontier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Mar. 5 (UP).—The newspaper "Pest" reporting from Sofia, says fresh German troops are arriving in Bulgaria and are concentrating at the main junctions of Plovdiv, Melne and Svalengrad.

**Berlin Evasive**

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (UP).—Queried regarding the foreign reports that German troops, contrary to the original German assertions, are actually near the Turbo-Bulgar frontier, authorised German sources to-day refused to give any information but added, "There can be a lot of changes in two days."

**Troops Stream In**

BELGRADE, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—By train, lorry, bus and plane, German troops continue to stream through Bulgaria towards the Greek frontier.

The three main routes southward are described by an eye-witness as "solid miles of mechanised material."

**Sullen Peasants Watch**

BELGRADE, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Silent sullen crowds of country folk are watching the German army move south. The Bulgarian peasants are fully aware that their food-supply will be as much decreased as the danger of war for their country is increased by the presence of these grim-faced veterans of the Western Front campaign.

Of the seven divisions that stood ready on the other side of the Danube, at least five have now entered Bulgaria. Overhead, Junkers constantly bear material southwards, while Messerschmitts are taking up new bases in south Bulgaria.

To-day's break with Britain will intensify the gloom that has swept the country with the entry of the Nazis. German police installed in the country towns are arrogantly directing mechanised transport southward. German railway officials were strutting up and down platforms at Sofia's main station when I left for Belgrade last night.

**First Sandbags**

I saw the first sandbags being placed outside public buildings in the capital.

The average Bulgarian views the German occupation with a strong distaste and remains unmoved by German propaganda.

The Soviet statement denouncing Bulgaria's policy has not been put

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## Rendell Ordered To Leave Bulgaria

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Mar. 5 (UP).—The British Minister, Mr. George W. Rendell has been ordered back to London. He is going to Istanbul next Monday, or Tuesday at the latest with his entire staff.

Mr. Rendell said he had left a meeting with the Bulgarian Premier, Professor Filoff, with the impression that Filoff was unduly confident of a German victory; however, he stated that Filoff had said practically nothing regarding the note after it had been presented.

He asserted that he had reminded Filoff that "Mussolini was also confident of a German victory but suffered severely as a result. Others may also suffer."

He disclosed that the British note was addressed to M. Popoff as Foreign Minister but was handed to Prof. Filoff because M. Popoff is ill.

**Blockade Imposed**

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—It is officially announced that effective immediately, Bulgaria is regarded as an enemy destination for contraband purposes and that all goods of Bulgarian origin or ownership are liable to seizure.

**Reasons For Break**

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In his note to Dr. Bogdan Filoff, the Bulgarian Minister, the British

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**Asian War's Link With Europe**

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The inextricable connection of the Sino-Japanese war with the European war was the subject of an illuminating lecture by Mr. H. D. Liem, the London correspondent of the "Central News" agency of China.

Like the Germans, he said, the Japanese preached that they were the "Herrenvolk" of Asia. The technique of the two nations was exactly alike. Having selected a victim for absorption, they goaded him by increasing persecution till he rebelled when they denounced him as guilty of provocation and annihilated him on the pretext of self-defence.

**Danger To Burma**

Mr. Liem stressed the danger to Burma of the Japanese designs on Indo-China and Thailand, and the importance not only of the strong reinforcements to Malaya but of the Dutch East Indies' resolute resistance to Japan's obviously political demands.

Japan, said Mr. Liem, was already suffering acute privation in many essentials and could not risk further aggressive adventures which would inevitably involve war with Britain and America if she were boldly faced.

His references to China's gallant resistance and her unequalled importance in exercising a check on Japan were warmly applauded.

## Japanese Withdrawals From Central China May Be Ruse

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Chinese authorities are of the opinion that despite the withdrawal of a few Japanese troops from Central China, Japan is still anxious to settle the China campaign before the large-scale southward push.

They said that the rumour of the evacuation of four provinces in Central China for the southward push was probably a smokescreen for an offensive somewhere else in Free China in view of the present concentration of mountain climbing units in French Tonkin.

**Kwonghai Occupied**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Landing at Kwonghai, a port about 60 miles west of Macao on the southern coast of Kwangtung Province, Japanese Army forces have occupied the outskirts of the city while the main body pushed north and took Tushan-hu, eight miles north of Kwonghai.

On the evening of March 3, Japanese forces captured Taishan, a town 20 miles north of Kwonghai on the west bank of the West River.

**Hoppe Under Control**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PAKHOI, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Hoppe, about 20 miles north of Pakhoi, was placed under Japanese military control on Monday afternoon.

The promontory south of Pakhoi has also been occupied by Japanese forces.

**Epoch Achievement**

CANTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Colonel Sakuma, Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to South China, has issued the following statement:

"The present operations in which surprise landings were effected at numerous points while still maintaining close communication along a

440-kilometre coastline, resulted in the capture of an important transport route to Chungking and constitutes an epochal achievement unprecedented on the annals of war."

"Furthermore, the Hongkong-Shao-kwan route, the latest of Chungking's transportation avenues, has also been closed resulting in the seizure of large supplies of war materials and inflicting a further heavy blow upon Chungking."

"With all transportation avenues closed, the American loan becomes of little consequence for with Chungking's exports and imports completely cut off the doom of that regime is sealed."

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LATEST

## Konoye Calls Cabinet To Discuss Mediation Issue

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, has decided to call an urgent Cabinet meeting on March 6 as the French have again failed to hand in their reply to the Japanese compromise formula for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute, says an official Japanese report.

The report adds that the French failure is attributed by political observers to delayed discussions among the French delegates in Tokyo and not deliberate intention on the part of France to postpone or break up the mediation conference.

Since the French have clearly expressed a desire for a satisfactory conclusion, the Japanese authorities are said to be calm.

**French Warned**

TOKYO, Mar. 6 (UP).—It is reported that Mr. Matsuo Kiya Saito of the Foreign Office visited the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henry this afternoon and warned him that any delay in the French reply may bring

about a serious situation. He said Japan was unwilling to extend the armistice period for a third time. However, the Japanese Government is hoping to receive the French reply by Thursday at the latest.

**Talks Continue**

VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—The latest despatches from Tokyo report that the conversations between Ambassador Henry and Mr. Matsuo Kiya Saito have not been wholly completed and will continue to-morrow, if necessary. It is believed that the Japanese will prolong the armistice.

It is unofficially stated that the French would like to establish a special demilitarised zone in French territory, in which the Thais would not be allowed to plant troops or build fortifications.

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## GERMAN AIR ACE

—Now Said To Be In Canada

MAJOR Helmuth Wick, 25, German air ace, who has been reported missing, is among several hundred Nazi airmen prisoners landed recently at an east Canadian port, American newspapers declare.

Major Wick is believed to have been shot down off the Isle of Wight (English Channel).

Bremen radio announced on Dec. 3 that he had not returned from a raid on England on Nov. 20.

He was in command of the Richthofen Squadron. The Germans credit him with having brought down 56 planes.

The Nazi prisoners landed are being interned in central Canada.

Two of the airmen who escaped after they were landed have been recaptured.

## Chaplin On Track Of His Critics

Charlie Chaplin is to visit Brazil and other South American States, where his film "The Great Dictator" is being subjected to pro-Nazi opposition.

"I feel I can do more good there than by going to England," he says, according to New York "Variety."

"Pressure from Fascist groups" is reported from several countries, including Mexico, where the British anti-Nazi film, "Pastor Hall" has just been withdrawn, following Nazi protests.

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### THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

### DANCE FOR SERVICES

The Y.M.C.A. Service Section is giving another of its popular dances for the Services on Friday, March 21. Ladies of the V.A.D. and friends who have helped so much in the past will be again helping as hostesses. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until 12.30 a.m.

Tickets, at \$1.50 each, including refreshments, will be obtainable from the Y.M.C.A. and Unit representatives.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

- "1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to 'capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 'Hongkong currency, part of the 'undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of 'the Company's Reserve Fund, 'and to allot to the members 'holding shares of the Company 'as on the first day of April 'One thousand nine hundred 'and forty-one in respect of the 'net amount capitalised fully 'paid shares of the Company 'of equivalent nominal value in 'the proportion of one share for 'every three shares of the Company held by them respectively 'and that such shares so allotted 'shall rank for dividends as 'from the 1st day of July, 1941.
- "2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person 'would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, 'in lieu of issuing fractional 'certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person 'or persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share shall, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share.

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#### NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to the Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon such terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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R. TAYLOR,  
Manager and Secretary.

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12.30 Spanish Programme.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Sam Browne (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Darius.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Meet Uncle Sam."

Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cook.

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Recital of the Organ.

8.05 The Whistler and His Dog (Pryor).

By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Ketchelby): The Vision of Fuji-San (Ketchelby).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Variety with Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Dance Music.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

10.15 Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

10.25 Musical Comedy "Yes Madam?"

Binnie Hale, Bobby Hovess and Company with the Hippodrome Theatre Orchestra, cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

11.0 Close down.

### HOSPITAL POUND DAY

The Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospital held their annual Pound Day yesterday, when there was again an excellent response. Medical supplies, foods and similar gifts were received by Mrs S. W. Thomas from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by Mrs G. S. Kennedy-Skipton from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Diocesan Old Boys Association

The twenty-first annual general meeting of the Diocesan School Old Boys' Association was held at the Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building, yesterday, when Mr B. C. Randall presided.

In his report, Mr Randall stated that the membership had increased slightly from 88 to 100, but this represented only a small percentage of the large number of Old Boys in the Colony.

The annual supper dance was again held at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on February 23 in conjunction with the Diocesan Old Girls' Association, and proved a success.

The statement of accounts showed a balance of income over expenditure of \$535.06.

It was decided by the meeting that a letter of congratulation be sent by the Association to Mr D. J. N. Anderson on his recent appointment as a Magistrate.

The following officers were elected for the current year:

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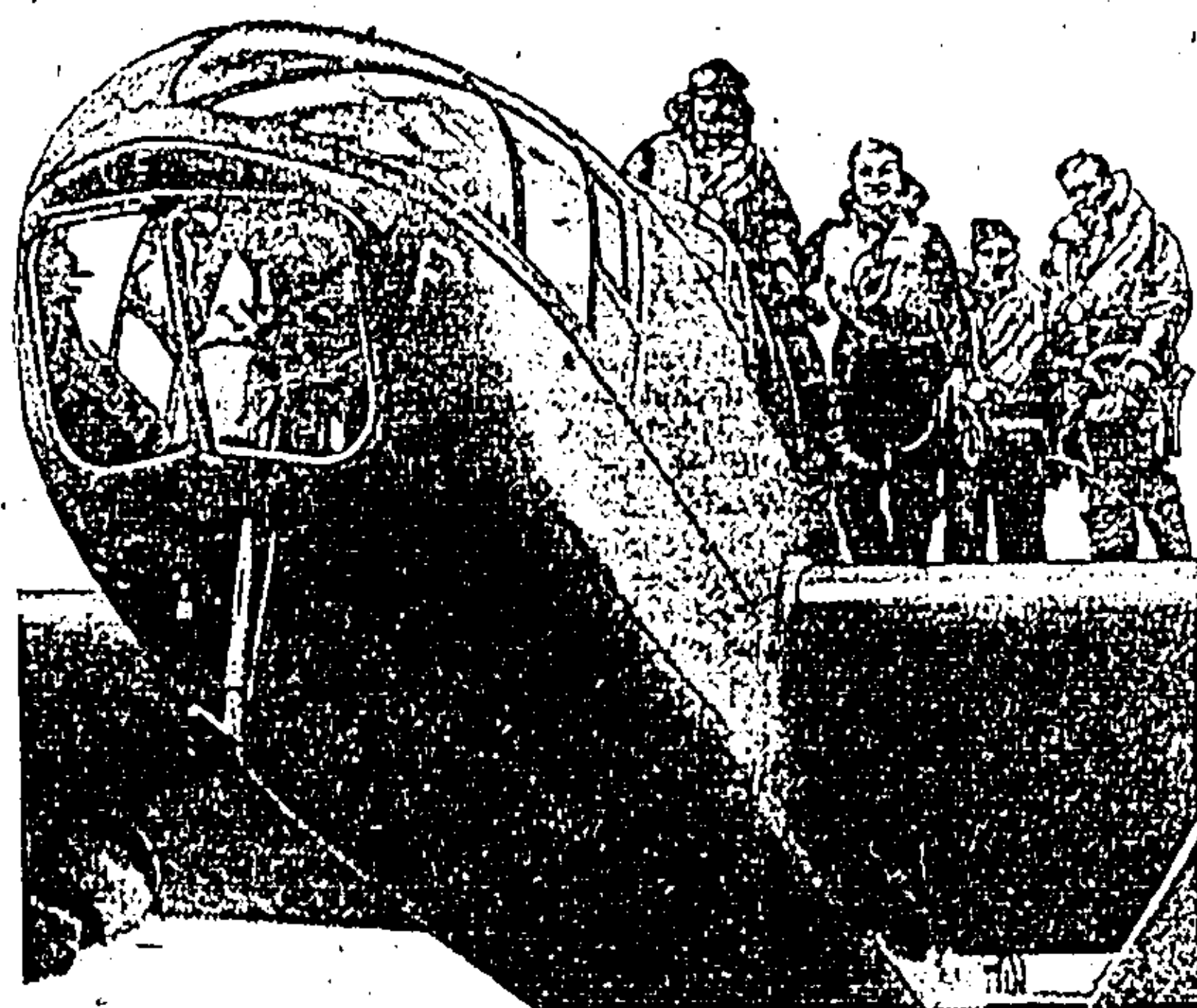
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- 12-Away from wind
- 13-Living into effect
- 16-Wander
- 17-Play down nicely
- 18-Agitate
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- 22-Removed skin
- 23-Ton (abbr.)
- 24-Throw aside out
- 27-Treat
- 28-Entice
- 29-Varnish ingredient
- 32-Oleous compound
- 33-City with
- 34-South American city
- 38-Wine-like part
- 39-Almost
- 40-Colonial leader
- 42-Japanese possession
- 43-Cargoes
- 44-Rock particles
- 46-Amphibian
- 47-Indic hat
- 48-Blind
- 50-Occasionally
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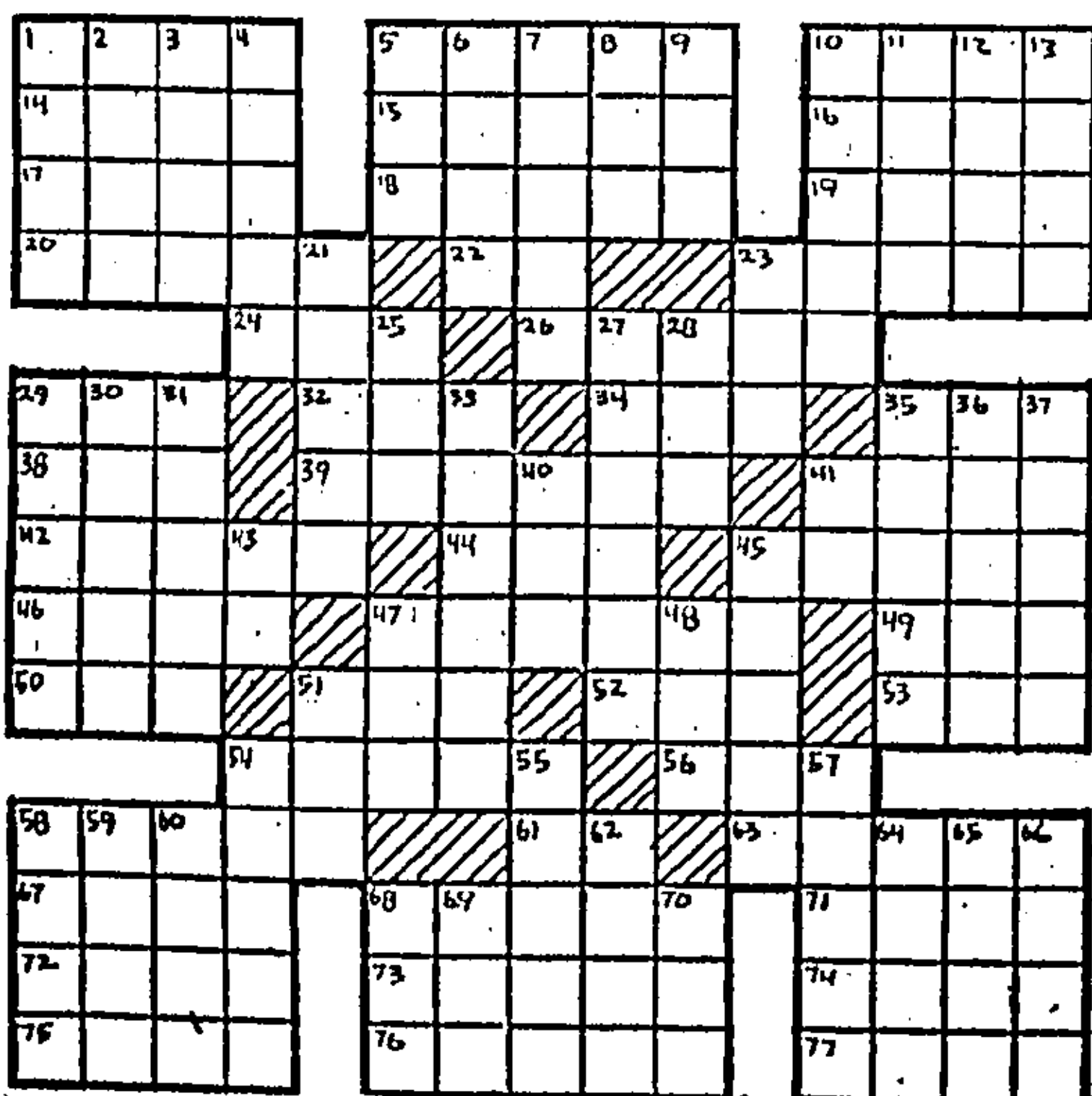
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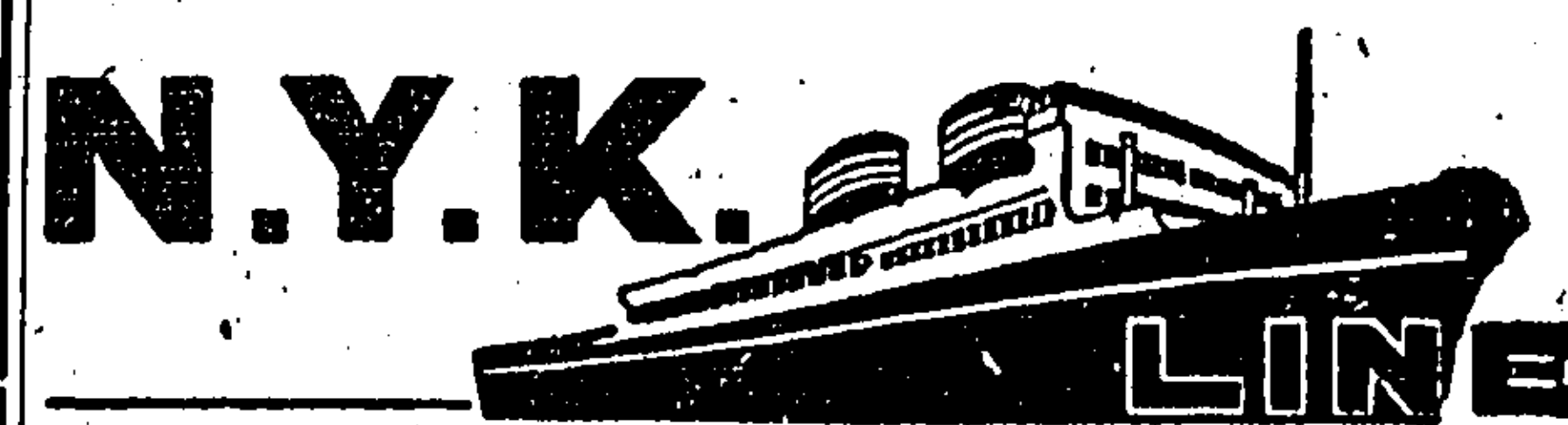
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Concerning the methods of manufacture, Dr Frolich had little to say, and concerning future manufacturing plans he replied that these will be somewhat dependent upon tests still in progress. National defence considerations are at the bottom of this and they will govern to some extent all evaluation of the new rubber for commercial uses.

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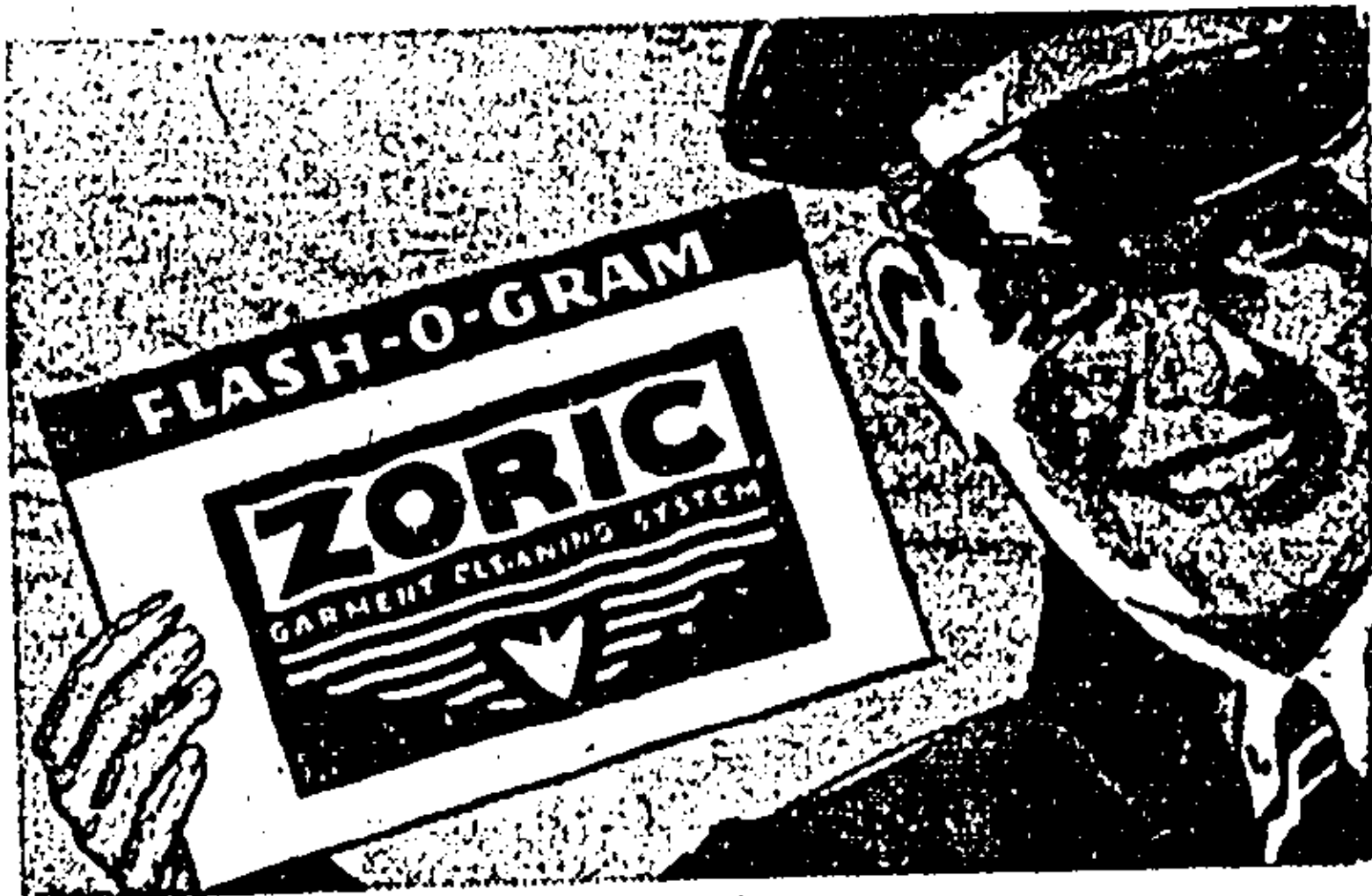
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## PREPAREDNESS IN H.K.

MR Matsuoka has given Mr Churchill a new assurance that Japan has no intention of attacking British territory, which means that Japan has either abandoned her southward expansion project, or that the Japanese Foreign Minister doesn't mean exactly what he says. It would be nice to be able to accept the first alternative, but quite frankly the new and accelerated Japanese military and naval movements around the South China waters do not encourage this.

While Mr Matsuoka is uttering bland assurances, a Japanese spokesman in Saigon is boasting of the huge quantities of arms and munitions which Japan is sending to Thailand; a new Japanese armed landing is made at Pakhoi; Japanese warships are reported to be steaming southwards; more transports with men and munitions are landed at Bias Bay. Perhaps this is merely an indulgence in "war games" to keep Japan's increasing overseas armies from becoming bored with inactivity, but such an explanation is too comfortable. The British Government has not sent thousands of Australian and Indian troops to Malaya simply to give them an opportunity of learning how to hack a path through dense jungles or to take a course in tropical botany; wherefore it must be assumed the British Government, despite Tokyo assurances, is prepared to believe that British territory in the Orient face a very real threat.

It behoves Hongkong, and even more so its unwelcome Chinese population to shake itself into a state of preparedness. Yesterday the "Telegraph" suggested that the leaders of the Chinese community put their heads together in an endeavour to evolve a scheme for the evacuation, as soon as possible, of a goodly portion of the Colony's excess population; alternatively to give the fullest support to any such plan proposed by Government.

During last week-end it was announced that the authorities aimed at settling several thousands of Chinese from Hongkong's congested areas on Lantau Island and Port Shelter, and if regarded only as a defence measure, this has much to commend. Every encouragement is promised by the authorities to those willing to take advantage of the scheme, but Chinese reaction has not yet manifested itself. Recognising the urgency of the problem, Chinese community leaders are here presented with a fine opportunity of practical assistance by appealing, both through public speeches and through the Chinese press, for a quick and willing response. The scheme may not be ideal, but it possesses advantageous features, and at the lowest can be described as a bold method of partly solving a very pressing problem. Lack of support for it can only be justified by suggesting an alternative. The big point, the Chinese community must remember is that something has to be done in the matter.

## The Rt. Hon. HUGH DALTON,

Minister of Economic Warfare, in an interview  
with Maurice Webb, answers the question . . .

CAN we expect positive and decisive results from the economic blockade of the enemy before this year is out?

This is the question I took round to the Ministry of Economic Warfare. I put it, with many supplementaries, before some of the experts there.

Then I marched with my question along the corridors of Berkeley Square House to the room of the man who plans and directs these mysterious but massive blockade operations, Hugh Dalton.

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Let me give you at once the conclusions I formed after hearing the confident, fact-supported answers I got from him.

1. By the end of 1941 the blockade of certain essential raw materials will seriously affect the quality, and to some extent the volume of enemy production.

2. Long before the end of the year—probably in the summer—the strain on enemy oil resources will be acute.

3. Before next winter our increasing disturbance of Germany's industrial and transport system will have caused a grave distributional crisis.

I submit those conclusions, not as optimistic prophecies, but as a considered and realistic assessment of coming events.

## Summing It Up

Not all the answers I was given can be published. For obvious reasons much of the background to the blockade must remain secret.

But in support of the above affirmations about this riddle of 1941, let me give you some of Mr Dalton's statements to me.

I put to him my first general query about the prospects of the blockade in 1941. This was his reply:

"I cannot volunteer a definite estimate of the probable results of the blockade in a given time in ignorance of other factors outside my control. Blockade does not work in a vacuum.

"It cannot win the war alone. "Blockade is the permanent background against which military action is set. Until we know the probable scale of military operations, it is impossible to predict the extent to which blockade will affect the enemy's war effort."

"Allowing for these other factors," I asked, "how far will blockade eventually decide the issue of victory or defeat for Hitler?"

The Minister's answer showed his anxiety to set his picture in proper perspective:

"We do not underestimate Germany's superior war preparedness, nor discount her vast accumulated stocks of war material.

## Unwise To Prophesy

"My own view is," said Mr Dalton, "that we should expect a long rather than a short war. It would be unwise to prophesy that we shall assume complete command or bring German production to a standstill in 1941.

"But I can say this. Blockade will seriously affect the quality of German war production, and will also substantially interfere with its distribution—in itself a vital consideration."

I asked for an illustration of this possibility.

"Well, here is an example," was the reply. "By cutting off supplies of nickel and other steel-hardening alloys, as we are doing very effectively, the quality of the Nazis' guns, tanks and other weapons will suffer.

Can Our  
Blockade Win?

"This, because they will be driven to other devices by no means so satisfactory, will add to the disorganisation of their distributive system.

"The goods they produce, even those of inferior quality, because of the added strain on transport, will fail to reach the place where they are wanted."

"This all-round interference with Hitler's war machine will open up the way to offensive assault in other fields," I suggested.

Striding up and down his room—with as much vigour as if he were hustling his way across his favourite Wiltshire Downs—the Minister for Economic Warfare indicated his complete agreement with this proposition.

"Exactly," he said. "The blockade is a vital and essential weapon. If we just sit back and wait until we have accumulated enough strength to take the military offensive against Hitler we shall wait in vain.

"We must strike hammer blows at the enemy's most vulnerable point. That point is the core of his vast but not too securely established production machine.

"We have been striking such blows for months past. We shall continue to do so with mounting effect.

"Blockade creates the vulnerable points, bombs attack them.

"Bombs, you might say, are the most direct form of economic warfare.

"And the results of this combined assault at no very distant date will be seen, either in reckless attempts by Hitler to force an early issue or in a growing loss of his striking power.

## Ersatz Basis

"You must remember," he went on, "that the whole basis of the Nazi war organisation is artificial, or 'Ersatz.'"

"They have built up a huge but complicated organism which is highly brittle. Weakness or dislocation at any one point inevitably retards the operation of every part of that organism."

"And a breakdown, with serious effects on Germany's military strength, is a far from remote consequence of the all-round pressure we are steadily exerting."

Here the Minister resumed his seat and allowed me to make a few points.

These amounted to this question: "How has the blockade been affected by the enemy's victories in the summer?"

## Using Up The Loot

"Hitler's problems of organisation, supply and administration have been vastly extended and complicated by his military conquests," was the reply.

"He obtained much loot, which is quickly being used up. When it has gone he has millions more consumers to support.

"They want what Germany wants—rubber, oil, textiles, copper, tin and fats."

I put in a reminder of the Nazi boast that Europe under

their control can be made self-supporting. "What have you to say to that?" I asked.

"It might be made so if they were left free to develop their synthetic processes, turn the transport systems upside down, and given a few years to accomplish a complete economic revolution.

"But the time and freedom of operation they want is just what we are not giving them."

"We work in close accord with the RAF. Their bombing plans are directed to the points where we have good reason for thinking that the maximum industrial and transport dislocation will follow.

"And so complicated is this artificial system on which Hitler relies to utilise the general re-union, for aircraft and to replace copious resources of Europe that our destruction of one point radiates far-reaching waves of disturbance right across the Continent."

Here I raised the question of Hitler's "Ersatz system" to which the Minister had referred. "Can you explain that more precisely?" I inquired.

"Well, here is an example. Transport is a major weakness for the Nazis," Mr Dalton replied. "The state the grounds for my optimism in natural way into Germany is from the Western ports. All the transport routes radiate from that region. Extraordinary delays and complications are caused by the attempt to use for urgent war purposes the reverse route from the Eastern side."

I invited Mr Dalton to develop his point about "all-round pressure." "It is assuming all of Rumania's output of oil sufficiently complete for your purposes," I asked. "Are there no loopholes in your net?"

"I would not say the pressure was complete," he replied. "Some supplies will always find their way through any blockade, however skillfully devised. But I can say that the leaks are comparatively unimportant. We are not working in the dark. We have a pretty good idea from various sources of the supplies reaching enemy and enemy-controlled territory."

## Far East Route

"What about supplies from Russia and the Far East?" was my next query.

"I suppose you have in mind the old Vladivostok problem," the Minister retorted. "Well, you need not worry much on that score. There are vast transport problems to be faced before goods from that area or the Far East. What is passing through is a mere trickle. And we keep a sharp eye even on that trickle."

"I must confess that the amount of cotton passing by this route is one of our present problems, and will be dealt with."

"Transport problems," I suggested, "seem to be altogether a major source of Nazi headaches?"

"Quite right. They are all part of the 'distributional crisis' I spoke of earlier. Long before the war Germany's railways were feeling the strain of the unnatural burden to which they were subjected.

"This burden is now intensified tenfold. Just think of the pre-war volume of imports by sea to Germany alone—to say nothing of the occupied territories."

"Of that volume a great deal is cut off without redress, by our sea blockade, but all the rest is thrown on to the railways of Europe.

"Germany may steal rolling stock from her victims, cut down passenger services to 30 per cent, pre-war services or less, but the problem remains, and we expect to see some interesting results in this field in 1941.

"Take the distribution of coal, for example. On paper Germany has plenty of coal. And yet recent evidence shows that in many places the situation is serious.

Fourth Article

RIDDLES  
OF  
1941

## Facts For Germany

By this time our Economic Warfare Chief was in full stride across the room again.

I got him back to his chair and studied reflection by this straight query:

"What are the real facts about the essential supplies available to Hitler in Europe?"

This was his answer:

"I don't want to exaggerate Germany's shortages.

"But pre-war stocks and loot from the occupied territories are being used up, and in the area under German control there is a natural deficiency of rubber, oil, cotton, copper, and certain ferro-alloys for hardening steel.

"Iron ore, however, Germany has access to in abundance. She has no lack of bauxite, from which aluminium is made, and which aluminium is a natural deficiency of rubber, oil, cotton, copper, and certain ferro-alloys for hardening steel.

"Both these commodities have been made available by her recent conquests, and confer an advantage which should not be underestimated."

## Key Commodity

But what of oil, the key commodity of modern war?

When I brought this question up I reminded the Minister that he was being criticised for over-optimism on this score.

He gave one of his high-explosive laughs.

"I know," he said, "but let me state the grounds for my optimism in their least sensational aspect.

"Total peacetime consumption of oil in Continental Europe west of the Soviet is something like 25 million tons. Of this Germany and Italy normally used nearly 11 million tons. "The maximum figure for European oil production, including a high estimate of synthetic production and point about "all-round pressure." "It is assuming all of Rumania's output of oil sufficiently complete for your purposes," I asked. "Are there no loopholes in your net?"

"I would not say the pressure was complete," he replied. "Some supplies will always find their way through any blockade, however skillfully devised. But I can say that the leaks are comparatively unimportant. We are not working in the dark. We have a pretty good idea from various sources of the supplies reaching enemy and enemy-controlled territory."

## Oil Gap

"With the most drastic restrictions on non-military consumption, and allowing for the accumulation of vast pre-war stocks, that gap is too wide to be comfortable for a nation engaged in modern mechanised warfare! "Everything said of the distribution and transport problem in respect of oil can be applied to oil—only more so."

"Rumania's oil used to be transported chiefly by sea. Now no oil can reach Hitler by sea, and while we control the Eastern Mediterranean, Germany must depend on convoys. There is a gap of 14 million tons between consumption and production, even supposing Germany can get hold of all existing European supplies."

"I do not think Germany will actually be able to transport much more than half Rumania's total output."

"And don't forget we are burning synthetic oil plants, refineries and vital rail centres incessantly."

## The Real Key

"There I think you have the real key to your riddle of 1941.

"Our economic assault is certain to be positive—very apparently positive. "I think decisive is too big a word for 1941. But blockade will prove at least as decisive as it did in the last war."

My final question to Mr Dalton was to confront him with the conclusions enumerated at the beginning of this article. "Would you say they were far wrong?" I asked.

He replied: "You are in danger of being misled with me as an optimist, but I think your conclusions are near the mark."

## TO-MORROW:

W. N. EWER  
will write on the position of Europe's remaining neutrals and what may happen to them in the coming year.



## FASCISTS IN SPAIN

### Legal Privileges

MADRID, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Members of the National Council of the Falange (Fascist) Party have been given a privileged position with regard to the law, under a decree published to-day. The decree states that no National Councillor can be arrested without an order from the head of the Party, unless caught in flagrante delicto, in which case the head of the Party must be immediately advised.

Legal action can be taken against National Councillors but only subject to the authorisation of the President of the Falange Political Board. Other Falange authorities cannot be arrested except by an order of special judicial authorities who are empowered under the new law to try them in cases other than flagrante delicto.

## English Harvest

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—No-one will be called up from farms for military service until after the harvest.

This was announced by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, to-day. He said that this announcement was made in view of the importance of food production during the next few months.

## Canberra-Tokyo Relations

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Commenting on the recent speech of Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, a Government spokesman said: "This time I think Australia is being very fair. Until now they have discussed problems with Japan only from a logical viewpoint. Now Mr. Menzies has indicated a readiness to approach matters from a more realistic point of view."

## Prince Konoye Leaves Sickroom For Palace

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Domei).—The Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, proceeded to the Imperial Palace this afternoon. Received in audience by the Emperor, the Premier reported to the Throne on political affairs under his jurisdiction.

## BAZAAR FOR CHARITY

The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall will open the charity bazaar sponsored by the Women's Advisory Committee of the Hongkong branch of the National Association for the promotion of the New Life Movement, in St John's Hall, at the University, to-morrow.

Miss Hu Mu-lan, daughter of the late Mr. Hu Han-min, former member of the Kuomintang, will be in charge of the bazaar. A number of schools, department stores and factories are contributing merchandise.

## A. R. P. Orders Issued

### Attestation Meetings

There will be no attestation in Hongkong or in Kowloon next week.

The following Warden's have been permitted to resign: 432 B. A. Xavier, 114 Lam Tin-sau and 402 B/W Lau Sui-wing (Central). Deputy Divisional Warden R. H. Wild (Western), 2411 Wong Wing-sang and 2107 Wong Kwan-mow (Shamshuipo).

Change of Address: Deputy Divisional Warden P. L. Wong, Hung Hom, to 6 Fuk Lo Tsun Rd., 2nd floor; 2122 Miss Lau Pui-yui (K.C.Y.) to 8 Shik Pik Road, 2nd floor (Y); 2102 Lai Siu-wai (E) to Po Hing Co., Old Main Street; 1094 Lai Wah (E) to 1 Kat U Fong, West, 1st floor (C); 1835 Miss Chen Yui-ching, 355 Tai Nam St., ground floor (S. S. P.); Dep. S/W 103 Yuen Siu-hing (C) to Asia C. Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Upper Levels.

Divisional Warden A. Hyde-Lay (E) to St. John's Flat, 5 Tai Hang Road; 3243 Poon Kam-wah, (W) to 12 Hennessy Road, 1st floor (E); 3243 Poon Kam-wah, (W) to 12 Hennessy Road, Central, 1st floor (C); S/W 1319 Lau Wood-chun (Q) to 67 Main Street, 2nd floor (A).

Appointment: The following appointment is notified with effect from March 4, 1941, 3006 A. Paice to be District Warden, Stanley.

Leave of Absence: 402 Miss Chen Yui-ching, granted two months extension of leave from January 28, 1941. 418 Miss Ng Wai-kong granted two months extension of leave from February 5, 1941.

Instructional Courses: Telephone Courses.—An instructional course (E 30) for telephone is now in progress at the A.R.P. Club, King's Park, Kowloon, and the next lecture will be on Friday, March 8, at 4.30 p.m. A similar course in Hongkong will commence shortly and candidates are asked to send their names to this office.

Examination Results: The following qualified as Air Raid Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service: Miss Leung Kin-hung, Choi Yick-hang, and Yip Pui-fong.

Strength-Increase: The following have qualified as Air Raid Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder: Western.—3602 Chan Kim, 3005 Lee Mui, 3607 Miss Leung Wai-kay, 3008 Le Pui, 3609 Lui Sai-ko, 3010 Mak Tai-wan, 3011 Mok Ping-sau, 3012 Poon Po-cheung, 3013 Wong Ho.

Aberdeen.—3546 Choy Wing-chu, Upper Levels.—3602 Ho Shui-cheung, Shaukwan.—3507 Miss Pui Wai-ming, Central.—3579 Luk Pui-leung, 3579 Woo Yui-kwong, 3532 Tang Shun-chee, Eastern.—3523 Ma Sun-hang, 3506 Miss Tai Ming-see.

A.R.P. Headquarters, Hongkong.—3512 C. D. Brown, (sgd.) D. H. Puckle, Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions.

## Hsu Protests

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Mr. Hsu Shih-ying attended this afternoon's session of the People's Political Council which he has been attending since Saturday. He said that it was nonsense to say he had been in Hongkong meeting anybody.

## MEDICAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association was held in the School of Anatomy, Hongkong University, last evening. The proceedings were of a private nature.

## Navy's Need of More Men And Ships

### FROM PAGE ONE

able losses were expected and accepted, especially in damage to destroyers. By skill, seamanship and devotion to duty, the Navy deprived the enemy of anything like the toll that he had confidently anticipated, but the Navy was seriously depleted at the very moment when the whole problem had become more complex with the exit of France and the entry of Italy.

By swinging strides, however, we have immeasurably improved our position. With forces initially much inferior, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham and Vice-Admiral Sir James Somerville not only kept the Italian fleet cooped in the Mediterranean but neutralised it even in waters which Italy specially claimed as hers.

In every encounter, our crew had shown such superiority that the Italian Navy seriously ventured to dispute even the waters around their bases.

### Winter Gales

During winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there was duty to be done.

Enemy communique claims would seem to show that we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines (Laughter).

In fact the daily work of the Fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of the Ark Royal, which had many times answered the German questions concerning her whereabouts, proved that the great body of the Fleet of August, 1939, remained intact.

Mr. Alexander would say to the German Navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with only the ships which you profess to have sunk."

### Coming Into Service

The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, now at sea or instantly ready for the sea is greater than at any time since the war began.

The ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval Power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of the workers in the yards and the untiring persistence and skill of the managements have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner. Our long-term programmes of construction are maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached.

It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing artillery, have carried the war into enemy ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the Army in Libya.

### Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm has also become a notable weapon of offence. In the present war, it has destroyed the enemy battleship, one cruiser, three destroyers, four submarines, four other naval vessels, a supply ship in addition to damaging at least two battleships, two cruisers, four destroyers, four miscellaneous craft and 20 transport or supply ships.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarines have destroyed something like 100 enemy warships and supply ships.

After a tribute to the Navy's assiduous and successful clearing of mines which are constantly being sown in many waters, Mr. Alexander said that the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

In Mediterranean: With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt. In addition, they had to divert into their offensive operations against the enemy tank in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency in carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of Italian prisoners and even pumping water ashore to the thirsty troops.

### Shipping Losses

Up to May, 1940, losses of British, Allied and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week. The next seven months remained obstinately at an average just under 30,000 tons. During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 51,000 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to the improved measures of protection but thought that they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason among other possibilities.

"We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows. The enemy has used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot—lurking mines, powerful raiders, aircraft, stealthy E-boats and submarines."

## REFUGEE SETTLEMENT SCHEME

### At Lantau And Hebe Haven

Inquiry yesterday disclosed that the plan for establishing refugee settlements on Lantau Island and Hebe Haven, to serve both emergency and permanent purposes, is no mere tentative suggestion or experimental invitation. Government is going ahead with it at once, in anticipation of immediate response from the homeless and from such sections of the poorer classes as would feel happier and safer in hygienic open rural environment than in the congested urban areas.

A party of officials is to visit the selected areas this week and to begin the preliminary work. This will consist of erection of reception, administrative and medical huts, demarcation of sites for the living hutments and arrangements for accommodation, feeding and care.

Government hopes that many of the residents will be able to erect their own huts, for which Government will make material available. Until these buildings are completed, Government will provide.

The pioneer party will include Mr. S. P. Balfour (District Officer South), Dr. J. B. Mackie (Medical Department) and Mr. F. W. Kendall (Public Works Department).

As announced, Government hopes to reduce the urban congestion, provide homes for the poor where they can cultivate land, increase the Colony's food supply by this agriculture and improve the public health generally. Sub-committees have been set up to attend to the medical, transportation, building, marketing of produce and other problems.

In addition, Government is paying attention to the industrial factor and hopes to add to the scheme the attraction of factory or other employment. It also hopes that Lantau and Hebe Haven will appeal to the wealthier classes as cheap and convenient sanctuaries in the event of war bombing.

## CHINESE Y. W. C. A. Dance In Aid Of Finance Campaign

The Business Girls' Club of the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association are organising a dance to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The proceeds will go to the Y.W.C.A. Finance Campaign fund.

An attractive programme has been arranged with Mrs. Percy Chen in a tap dance, Miss Regina Yui in an outdoor tap dance, Mr. E. H. Perry, the "Serenader," Miss Pauline Ng in a vocal solo, and Mr. Herbert Tong and His Girl Friends in a dance number.

The Business Girls' Department of the Y.W.C.A. recently opened a new centre on the top floor of the National Bank Building. Here they have a combined lunch-room, rest-room and library. The Bank has kindly lent them the roof of the building, and the girls plan to build a small garden shortly. Meantime, there is an outdoor tea-room, where the girls may entertain their men friends.

Every Tuesday the Department discuss current events and endeavour to have a guest speaker each week. In addition they hold discussions on preparation for home and marriage, and have had sessions of cooking lessons. Other activities include tennis, bicycling and skating. The aim of this Department is to give business girls an opportunity of spending as much time as possible in the open air, to counteract the long hours spent in stuffy offices.

The officers of the Club are as follows:

President—Miss Chan Chuk-sing, Vice-President—Miss Chan Sao-shin, Secretary—Miss Cheung Ha-yu, Treasurer—Miss Tai Hon-fan, Chairman, Membership Committee—Miss Ngan-ching, Chairman, Programme Committee—Miss Mabel Wong, Chairman, Finance Committee—Miss Tai Fuk-seung, Chairman, Social Service Committee—Miss Mazie Loo.

## Weddings Announced

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

Mr. Eric Himsforth, Colonial Administrative Service, and Miss Ethel Emily Pratt, nursing sister of the Kowloon Hospital;

Mr. Au Yeung Xue-shun, accountant, and Miss Tse Fung-chau, of 25 Tong Sang Street;

Mr. Wong Kwok-hau, merchant, and Miss Chan King-oi, of 92 Fa Yuen Street, Mongkok;

Mr. Lee Chun-chung, physical instructor of the Education Department, and Miss Lee Tze-lin, of 12 Greenville Road;

Mr. Leung Mo-fun, health inspector, and Miss Tam Lai-ping, of 7 Wing Wa Street.

## Cripps Returns

Moscow, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, arrived back from Turkey by plane this afternoon.

## Colony Chess Championship Tables To Date

L. Karpovich, with 4.5 points, leads the Senior Chess Championship. A. Y. Birkhoff, Un Kwai-yung, J. Grefelda, V. V. Kolachoff, A. Kurrik and W. Lee tie for leadership in the Junior event.

In the latest Senior matches Karpovich beat C. M. Sequeira and G. S. Coxhead beat D. E. de Carvalho. In the Junior competition Kurrik beat Grefelda and Un beat A. Morton.

Positions to date:

Senior	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
L. Karpovich	5	4	1	0	4.5
C. M. Sequeira	5	3	1	2	3.5
G. S. Coxhead	5	3	0	2	3
K. Weiss	4	2	2	2	3
E. Zimmer	4	2	1	1	2.5
D. E. de Carvalho	4	0	1	7	.5
Junior	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
A. Birkhoff	2	2	0	0	2
Un Kwai-yung	2	2	0	0	2
J. Grefelda	2	2	0	0	2
V. V. Kolachoff	2	2	0	0	2
W. Lee	2	2	0	0	2
J. Tausz	1	1	0	0	1
R. C. Dannenberg	2	1	0	1	1
To Yee-lau	1	0	0	1	0
C. M. Sequeira	1	0	0	1	0
J. H. d'Almeida	2	0	0	2	0
R. C. Gardner	2	0	0	2	0
A. Morton	3	0	0	3	0
D. Drake	3	0	0	3	0
A. C. Foupard	0	0	0	0	0

## Badminton League Matches Yesterday

KEENEST struggle in the "B" Division of the Badminton League was seen at the St John's V. Kowloon C.C. match last night. The former emerged winners.

It was touch-and-go, however, for one of the matches might very well have gone the other way. This was the game in which N. L. Smith and P. Wilson beat J. L. Anderson and D. S. Hazel 24-20.

Scores were: A. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 21-7; lost to H. Eardley and D. Kwok 21-10; best D. S. Hazel 21-4.

J. L. Anderson and D. S. Hazel lost to Smith and Wilson 24-10; lost to Eardley and Kwok 2-21; best Maynard and Ladd 21-6.

H. S. Jones and E. Zimmerman lost to Smith and Wilson 14-21; lost to Eardley and Kwok 6-21; best Maynard and Ladd 21-7.

WIN FOR ST ANDREW'S: St Andrew's beat Police 6-3. Gillies and Gordon beat Fincher and Merritt 21-11; best Brown and Gray 21-10; best D. S. Hazel 21-6.

Major and Siu lost to Fincher and Merritt 6-21; lost to Brown and Gray 9-21; lost to Davies and Gillespie 4-21.

Mackenzie and Shepherd lost to Fincher and Merritt 6-21; lost to Brown and Gray 6-21; lost to Davies and Gillespie 3-21.

JEWISH R.C. BEATEN: Jewish R.C. lost to V.R.C. 3-6.

## Darlan And Laval Friendly In Paris

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—Admiral Darlan and M. Laval dined in Paris, where the Vice-Premier is continuing his conversations with the French-German authorities in an effort to establish more active contacts with the occupation authorities.

Laval's wife has arrived at Chateau de Laval by automobile from Paris and it is reported that Laval will join her in a few days for a quiet holiday in his estate 12 miles south of Vichy in the Auvergne mountains.

He was to have accompanied her to-day but remained in Paris because of Admiral Darlan's luncheon invitation.

Laval is at present taking no part in political activities.

## Aid Britain Bill

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Senate approved of an amendment terminating the operation of the Aid to Britain Bill on July 1, 1943, or earlier, if approved by the majority of both Houses.



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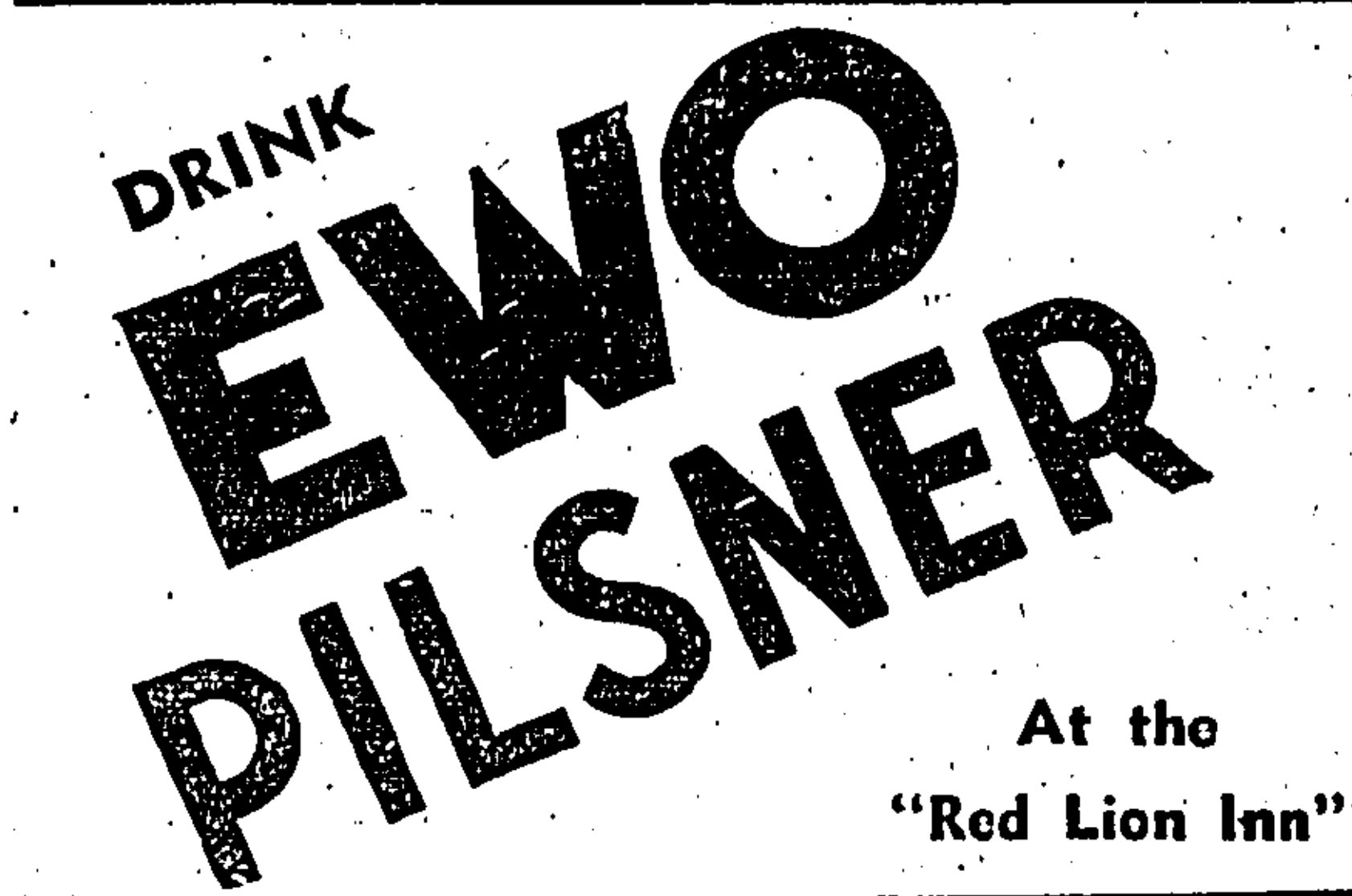
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## Hongkong Refugees Increasing

### Slight Rise Of Numbers In Government Camps

Figures of refugees and destitutes in Government camps here for March 1, supplied by the Medical authorities, are printed below with figures of February 22 in brackets: King's Park 1,307 (1,301); Matu-chung 1,601 (1,560); North Point 1,485 (1,463); Morrison Hill 525 (533); Tai Hang squatters camp 2,557 (2,537); Ngau Tau Kok squatters camp 790 (788); Kam Tin 1,848 (1,828); Fanling Children's Camp 328 (328).

The grand total for March 1 was 10,449, as compared with 10,364 on February 22, showing an increase of 85.

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# "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

## Prepared For Interport With Macao

### Hongkong XI

THE HONGKONG team is: Goal-keeper—V. M. Benwell. Backs—V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves. Halves—R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley. Forwards—Karminder Singh, Gurbachan Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown. Reserves—A. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, E. Fowler and D. Smith.

### Army Rugby League

#### R. Artillery Trounce M'sex 22-6

TWO FIXTURES in the Army Rugby League were played at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Artillery trouncing a weak Middlesex side 22-6, and Royal Engineers outwitting the Royal Scots 3-0 after a most gruelling match.

Sappers scored in the first half through Sheldrake, in the corner. Just before the half-time whistle Sappers were penalised inside their "25" line but Miller's kick failed.

In the second period, R. Scots attacked with a vengeance and were on several occasions within an ace of scoring. Just before the end, Sappers were penalised again, this time almost on their line, but again Miller failed.

#### Gunnery Superior

GUNNERS were far too superior for Middlesex. They led 8-3 at half-time, but it was Middlesex who took the lead when Freshwater kicked a fine penalty goal from 35 yards on the touching. But Gunnery were not long in replying—Marsh went over and Keeble added the points.

Marsh added three more points before the interval when he went over in the corner. The kick failed.

The second half saw Gunnery dominating play. Richards paved the way for Marsh to score again, the kick failing. Richards and Eddison added further unconverted tries, and finally Middlesex, through Freshwater, scored their second unconverted try.

The last goal of all for Gunnery, which was converted by Keeble, was the result of an excellent passing movement that culminated in Richards crossing the line near the posts.

#### Association Team For Governor's Cup

The following will represent Hongkong Football Association against Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the second match for the Governor's Cup at Causeway Bay at 3.30 p.m. on March 10:

Bankier (Scots); Roughley (Navy); Fraser (Scots) (Capt.); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); Thomas (Middlesex); F. Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrer (Police); Hurlen (Club).

Reserves—Lapsley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Barber (Navy); Hozack (Scots); Sheehan (Middlesex); Hendy (Navy); Manager, Capt. R. E. Guest (Middlesex).

## Problem Of Defence: Full-backs Vulnerable But Halves Sound

ALL IS IN READINESS for the big match between Hongkong and Macao to be played at Macao next Sunday. Hongkong will embark on its eighth Interport fixture having won three, drawn two and lost two.

With anything like good weather hopes run high for a large attendance, for the Colony team is always a great attraction in the Portuguese port.

In our team there are four new "caps", and these are R. Marques (Recreio), Karminder Singh (Khalsa), B. Gosano (Recreio) and H. L. Ozorio (Recreio).

I need not say that there is a feeling in some circles that our backs are none too strong, and it is to be hoped that they will face up to the Portuguese forwards.

Here, in my view, is where may be found the weak spot of our defence. But one can only trust that Bond and Gonsalves will rise to the occasion.

Benwell, our goalkeeper, has been none too brilliant of late. The Club and Y.M.C.A. man has his days, and let us hope that one of those days will be next Sunday.

#### Sound Halves

WE have sound strength in our halves. R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley may be expected to give a good account of themselves. They well know the Portuguese forward play and will act accordingly. If the first named is anything like the form we have seen of late, he will prove a rare stumbling block to the opposing left flank. He is a grand tackler and worker, and I congratulate him on a success so long deferred.

We all know what Reed has done in the centre during the past—he needs no further introduction.

On comparative form I would have preferred Tony Alves at left-half to Whitley, but the Selectors have made their decision, and Norman, last year, gave a good account of himself alongside Reed, and in the circumstances it is sound policy.

It is a common truism that the "brains" of the attack is usually in the halves. One must stand or fall on that elementary fact, and here is shown our greatest strength.

#### Fair Attack

IN comparison to Macao's attack, which was seen against Recreio a week ago, the Colony forwards may be termed "fair." Karminder Singh and Gurbachan Singh, the Khalsa team-mates, form a useful right flank combination. The former is young and speedy and centres with great accuracy. The latter is a clever inside forward with good stick-work, and is a good shot.

They will have to bear the brunt of the Colony attack. B. Gosano, the leader of the Colony attack, is a surprise selection, and if not a highlight is a hard-working centre-forward. His football sense and experience should serve him in good stead. Speed is his greatest asset.

H. L. Ozorio has shown good form in the trials and one hopes that he and Brown can make a blend on the left wing.

The non-appearance of E. Fowler, the C.B.A. and Club forward, is a

### Macao XI

MACAO fielding their strongest team will be represented by the following: Goal-keeper—C. C. Almada. Backs—R. Rosario and A. Bas-to.

Halves—J. Nolasco, Alex Alroza and J. Santos Ferreira. Forwards—F. Nolasco, Albert Alroza, P. Angelo, L. Costa (captain) and R. Angelo. Reserves—J. Trigo Silva, Gustavo Silva, F. Ramalho and F. Rosario.

## Random Jottings

### Interport Omissions

THE INTERPORT TEAM has been chosen and the Selectors have done their job—but whether well or not is left to be seen. In the estimation of many, a stronger Colony side could have been fielded, but the deed has been done, and the Civilian representative, who has taken the full responsibility, will, in due course, take what is coming to him.

Since the Services were not included this year, it was obvious that the Army and Navy representatives took less interest in the selections, and it was necessary, therefore, that at least two other civilians be co-opted—but to my surprise this was not done. Instead, a present member of the team was only referred to for advice.

A burning question is why was Parker omitted from the team? He was one of the original 17 players chosen, but to have left him suddenly in the cold is bewildering. He should have, at least, been included as a reserve in preference to E. Fowler, who was not originally selected.

I sympathise with the former for the injustice done him, for in the trials he gave a very good account of himself. I think the Selector or Selectors owe him an apology. At this stage it is useless crying over spilt milk—badly spilt—but I would like the Selectors to bear in mind for the future that if a job of this nature is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

THE Interport records are as follows:

1934. H.K. drew at H.K.	1-1
1935. H.K. won at Macao	3-1
1936. H.K. lost at H.K.	0-1
1937. H.K. won at Macao	1-0
1938. H.K. lost at H.K.	0-1
1939. H.K. drew at Macao	2-2
1940. H.K. won at H.K.	3-1

From the above it will be observed that we have one victory to our credit.

ARRANGEMENTS for the trip to Macao are in the hands of Mr. V. M. Benwell. Those interested are requested to get into direct communication with him.

Players are also reminded that the Interport team will meet at the Y.M.C.A. at 6.15 p.m. on Friday where a discussion will be held with regard to the team in general and the selection of the Captain.

The obvious choice is W. A. Reed, who is playing in his eighth Interport. This record has never been reached by any other player in the Colony.

The new captain, when nominated, will "tip" the team as to how our opponents should be defeated. This, by the way, is at the instigation of the Selectors.

THE Interport Reserves, A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, E. Fowler and D. Smith are a very useful bunch, and in my estimation, three at least, should have been in the team. But I have mentioned before that the "human element" must never be overlooked.

Should any of these players be called upon, I am positive they will accomplish what is required of them.

NO League fixtures were played during the week-end due to Volunteer Camps, but they will be resumed as usual next Sunday.

A MEETING of the Umpires Association will take place tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church Hall. All interested are welcome.

## DIFFICULT DUTIES OF A LEFT BACK

### Positioning To Advantage

THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION but that the position of a left back is far from being the easiest on the field, as he has often to tackle on the left side should there be no time to get around to the right.

## Championship Schedule For Next Week

FIRST MATCHES in the Colony Badminton Championships will be played next week, commencing on March 13 at King's College.

The programme arranged will be: March 13 at King's College. Men's Junior Singles—J. L. Anderson v. H. Weng-tai, 7 p.m.; P. A. Yvanovich v. H. Dingdale, 7.45. Men's Senior Singles—S. Amplanavar v. P. K. Hoel, 8.30.

March 14 at Talcoo. Men's Senior Singles—C. Au v. H. C. Eardley, 8 p.m.

Men's Junior Doubles—F. and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (8.45); R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v. M. Talan and Odell (9.20).

March 15 at King's College. Men's Junior Doubles—P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v. E. A. R. Alves and P. E. Doleho, 7 p.m.; C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. J. Hoel and T. B. Teoh, 7.45; P. A. Yvanovich and D. T. Gosano v. A. L. Fisher and P. W. Brown, 8.20.

March 16 at Talcoo. Men's Junior Doubles—J. T. Young and W. Gillies v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, 7 p.m.

Men's Junior Singles—R. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo, 7.45; T. S. Young v. J. Tang, 8.30.

Mixed Doubles—E. Gillespie and Miss P. Wong v. H. C. and Miss D. Eardley, 9.15.

March 20 at Talcoo. Men's Junior Singles—E. Zimmern v. J. Hoel, 8 p.m.

Men's Junior Doubles—K. W. Choy and K. B. Low v. J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves, 8.54.

Mixed Doubles—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, 9.15.

surprise, as, with defence to the inside-left chosen, I regard him by far the speedier and more skilful player.

#### Forward Weakness

SUCCESS or failure of the Colony in past years has depended on the ineffectiveness of the forward line. This year, in particular, without the aid of the Services, this has been the main weakness, the inability to obtain a combination that is eminently desirable in an Interport eleven.

Hongkong has only won one fixture on their home ground, and this they did when they beat Macao last year 3-1. Playing on their home ground, Macao will be out to reverse that decision, though this has not occurred before. Should L. Costa and R. Rosario make the team, Macao will be almost assured of victory.

But our forward and backs may serve up a surprise. One only hopes

To do this successfully, he must have complete control of his reversed stick with his left hand, as, if he uses the right hand, he is almost sure to foul badly.

Do do this tolerably well is one of the few really difficult strokes of the game, but how and when exactly to put it into execution is not easy to describe.

When he is running alongside and on the left of an opponent he must match his opportunity, and with a quick turn of the wrist flick the ball out and to the right and behind. This gives him a chance of darting behind the opponent to either hit or push the ball clear.

In stopping a centre from the right wing he may not always be in a position to clear instantaneously, as he will almost always be facing the sideline from whence the ball has come. An alert inside right or centre-forward will be on him without wasting time and it is then that he must be cool and use his head in clearing.

#### Positional Importance

THE left back should always endeavour, as far as possible, to be in such a position that he is able to tackle his opponent direct and not from the left.

In the case of the opposing inside-right, it will help the back to be successful if he keeps slightly to the left—his own left—of the forward. And much, if not all, that has been said about the right back applies equally to the left.

## F.A. Meeting

The March monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 6.30 p.m. in the Association's office, when the draw for the Semi-final rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions will be made.

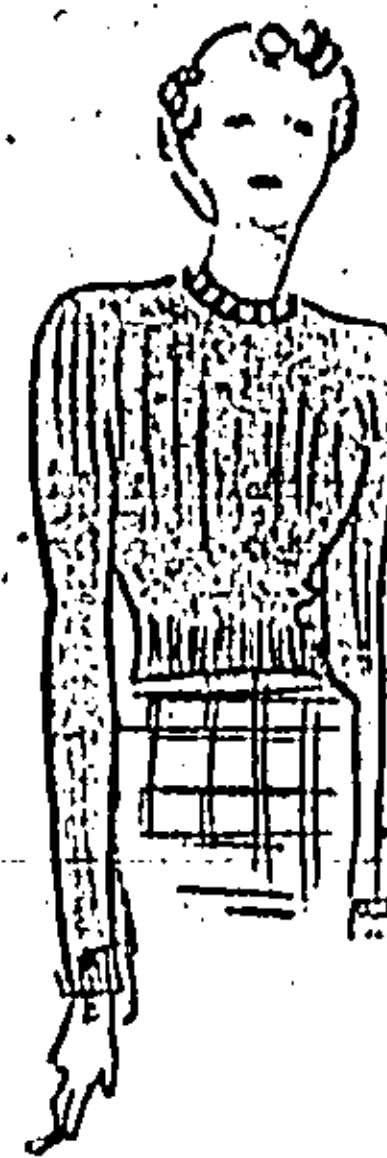
## Recreio Cricket XI

The following will represent Recreio Juniors against H.M.S. Tamar in a friendly cricket match on Saturday at King's Park: E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, J. A. Soares, A. F. Remedios, L. Remedios, J. J. Remedios, A. A. Lopes and A. J. M. Prata.

that these players will play up to form and show that the confidence of the Selectors has not been misplaced. The human element, of course, must not be overlooked. I will fully report the Interport match next week.

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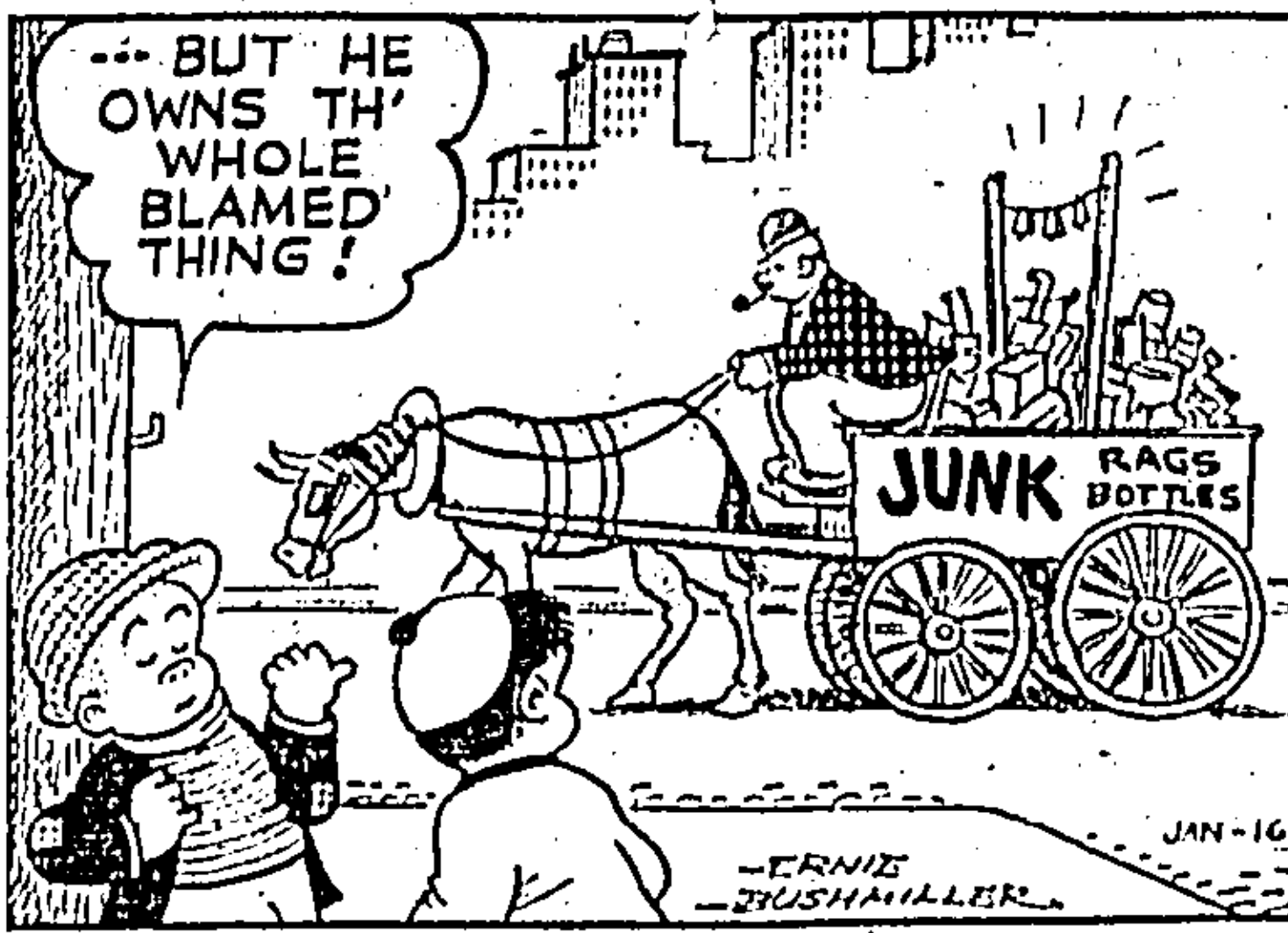
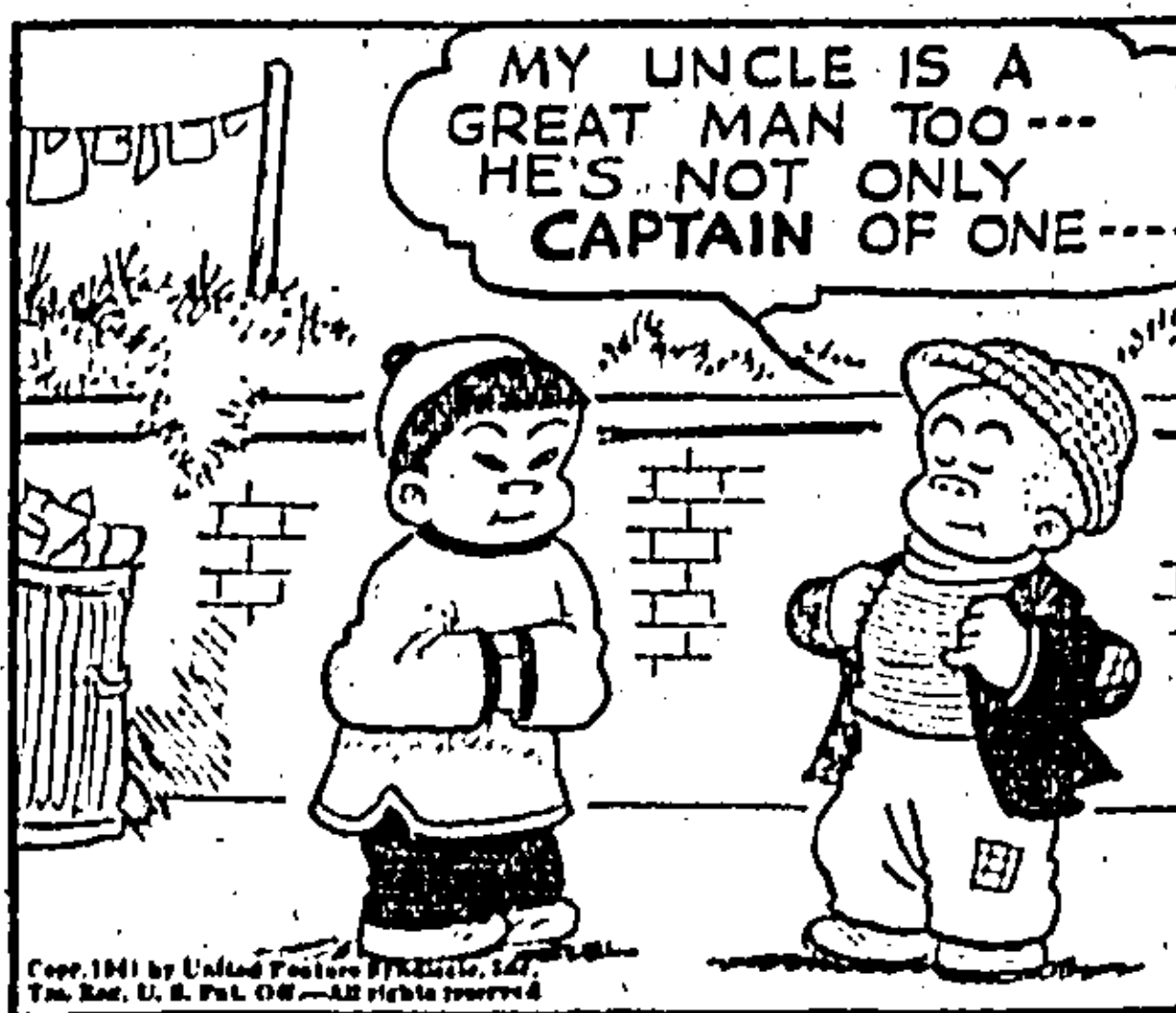
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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Husband's Mistake

Wrong Co-Respondent Named in New A.D.C. Show

When Sarah Bendish left her husband eight years ago, she wrote him a farewell note. But her handwriting was so difficult to read that it caused him to name the wrong man, Nicholas Flack, as co-respondent.

Nicholas Flack had been on his annual elephant slaying expedition at the time and William Bendish lost the case. As he did not know where to find his wife and learn the name of the true co-respondent, the matter was allowed to drop until William met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

He was making considerable progress in the conquest of the mature charms of Mrs. Bell Mason when his wife suddenly reappeared. Since she had left her husband, Sarah had become a very successful designer of hats in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple."

**Complications**

The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple" into William Bendish's life led to a series of complications and difficult situations. His young, twin nephews and niece added to the complications while acting as his own co-respondent, in a precarious disguise and the village inn, was not the least of the difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A. A. Milne, the famous "Punch" writer.

The play, with Leonora Corbett as "Sarah Simple," A. H. Whitmore as William Bendish, and Agnes Laughlin as Mrs. Bell Mason, after receiving excellent notices from the critics in London had a long run at the Garrick Theatre.

The Hongkong A.D.C. are presenting the comedy at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21 and 22.

The booking is now open at Anderson's Music Co., Ice House Street.

## PROMOTED ON FIELD AT 13



Thirteen-year-old hero of the Greek war in Albania—Anastasios Charalambopoulos—was promoted lance-corporal on the field and was congratulated by the Greek Prime Minister.

He followed his father to the front, hiding in the troop train, and was instrumental in capturing a number of Italian spies who were using a secret radio.

### OCTOGENARIAN'S GIFT

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council received a special donation yesterday, when Mr. Jan Con-sang, of Kowloon, who celebrates his 81st birthday this year, gave \$80 to the Council to feed 3,000 people for one day, as part of his birthday celebrations.

## Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,596,819.31 was reached yesterday by the Bomber Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

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Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. (proceeds of band concert at Peninsula Hotel on 2nd March, 1941)	350

### ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association gratefully acknowledges the following donations and subscriptions:

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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: Business recorded during the morning was only meagre.

### Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,340  
Union Ins. \$413  
Providents \$5.75  
Lands 4% Debentures \$97.50  
Trams \$16.50  
Lights "O" \$6.15  
Telephones "N" \$8.80

### Sellers

H.K. Banks \$1,345  
Unions \$417  
Cements \$16.95  
Watsons \$10.70

## Fourteen Cases Of Cholera In A Day

There has been a sudden serious resurgence of Cholera in the Colony, no fewer than 14 cases being reported yesterday. There were two cases on Monday and two during the week-end, some of the cases being of a virulent type.

Coming in this period of cold weather, this sudden outbreak is unusual and, therefore, alarming. Some special cause is suspected, and it is noted that there have been some 20 cases since the black-out exercises last week. Two of the cases developed in Victoria Gaol, among newly arrested prisoners. The Medical Authorities report that, during the black-out, some dumping of night-soil by carrying coolie in the streets took place, and the inference is that this is in some part responsible. It is also pointed out, however, that following the extensive epidemics of Cholera over the past few years, there must be carriers, people who had mild attacks unknown to the authorities, who are potential menaces to the community and who spread infection wherever conditions deteriorate.

### Special Appeal

The Health Authorities make an urgent appeal to the public to take their own precautions at once. The Director of Medical Services, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, mentioned the matter last night at the Medical Conference, when he requested private practitioners to urge inoculation.

All who have not been inoculated for six months should obtain inoculation immediately. All serious cases of Diarrhoea should be reported at once to the nearest Health Officer.

The Government is immediately making inoculation available at the Queen Mary and Kowloon Hospitals.

**Precautions to Take**

- (1) Boil milk and water before drinking. Do not drink fruit juices and aerated waters, unless made by a reliable firm.
- (2) Do not eat fresh, uncooked vegetables, or ice-cream, unless made from boiled materials.
- (3) Protect all food from flies and cockroaches.
- (4) Regard flies as public enemy No. 1 and wage constant war upon them. Do not allow conditions on your premises or in your gardens which attract flies or provide places in which they can breed. Deal similarly with cockroaches and other vermin.
- (5) Burn, or keep in covered receptacles for daily removal, all refuse.

## First A. R. P. "Dictator" Resigns

Mr J. E. Arnold James, the Town Clerk of Stepney, E., was appointed in November last civil defence "dictator" of the borough.

Recently it was announced that he had resigned that post.

The Ministry of Home Security stated that Mr. James had asked to be relieved of his duties as A.R.P. controller.

Mr W. Eric Adams, town clerk of Islington, N., had been appointed to exercise those functions.

Mr James became the first civil defence "dictator" when the Minister of Home Security and Health, under the Defence Regulations, gave him full powers formerly exercised by the Stepney Borough Council Emergency Committee.

Mr James was thus able to take more direct action than was possible beforehand to deal with difficulties as the result of bombing. He was a pioneer of the movement for bomb-proof shelters and arranged a transaction for raising the cost of construction without the sanction of the Home Office or County Council. The transaction was upheld by the courts.

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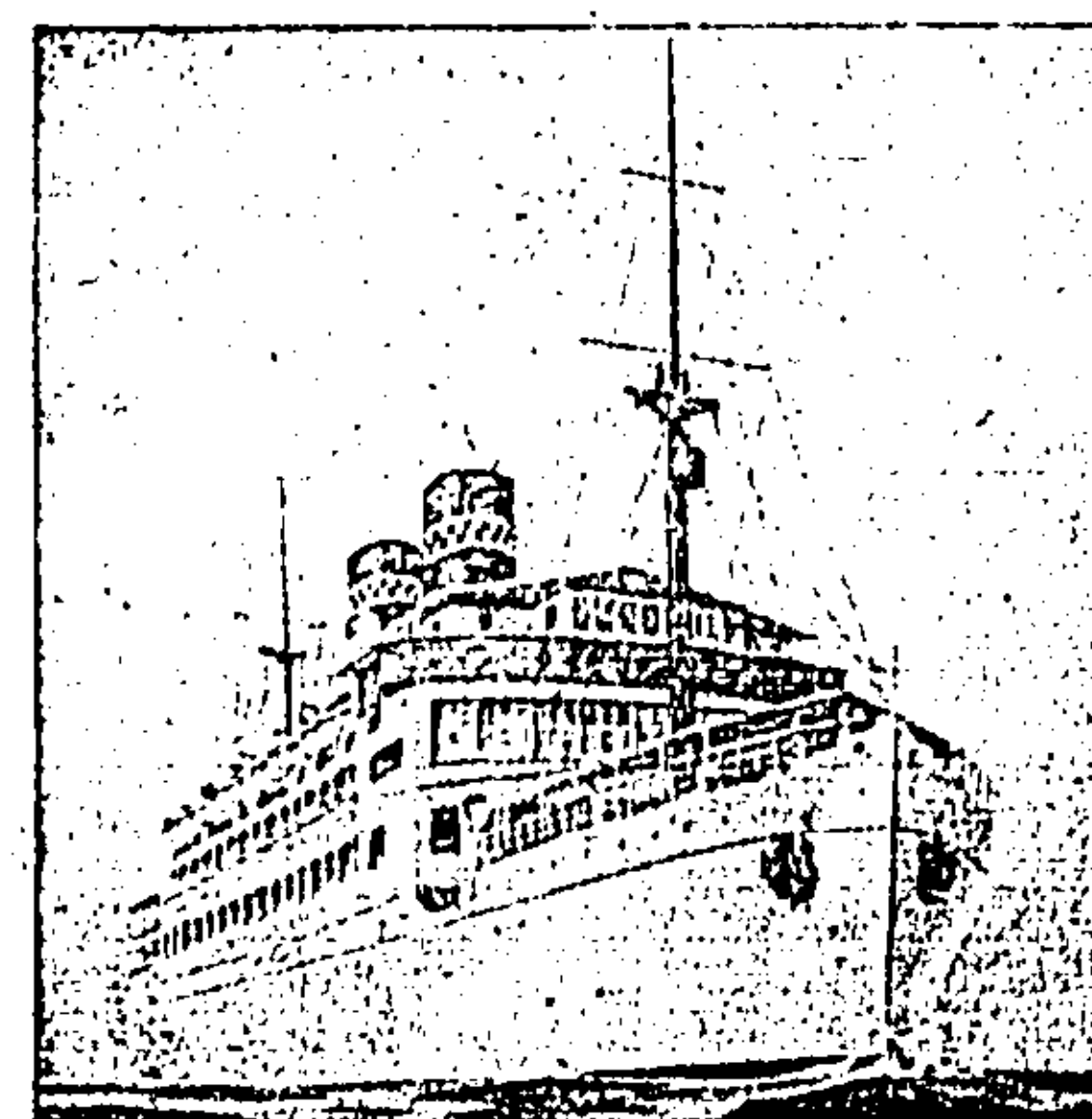
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## GERMAN AIR ACE

—Now Said To Be In Canada

MAJOR Helmuth Wick, 25, German air ace, who has been reported missing, is among several hundred Nazi airmen prisoners landed recently at an east Canadian port, American newspapers declare.

Major Wick is believed to have been shot down off the Isle of Wight (English Channel).

Bremen radio announced on Dec. 3 that he had not returned from a raid on England on Nov. 26.

He was in command of the Richthofen Squadron. The Germans credit him with having brought down 56 planes.

The Nazi prisoners landed are being interned in central Canada.

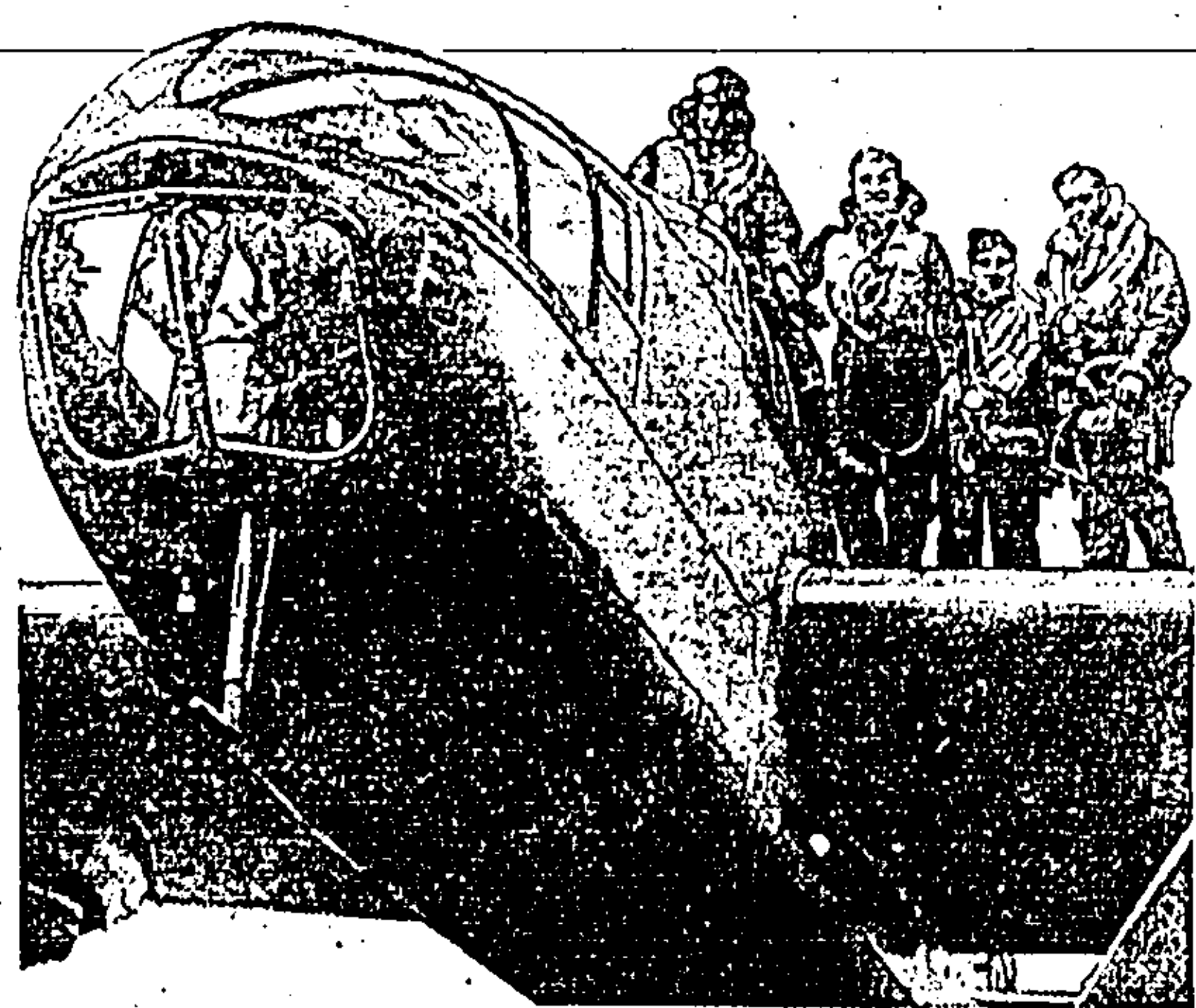
Two of the airmen who escaped after they were landed have been recaptured.

## Chaplin On Track Of His Critics

Charlie Chaplin is to visit Brazil and other South American States, where his film "The Great Dictator" is being subjected to pro-Nazi opposition.

"I feel I can do more good there than by going to England," he says, according to New York "Variety."

"Pressure from Fascist groups" is reported from several countries, including Mexico, where the British anti-Nazi film, "Pastor Hall" has just been withdrawn, following Nazi protests.



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### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,

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### THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941, to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

### Canberra-Tokyo Relations

TOKYO, Mr. 5 (Reuters).—Commenting on the recent speech of Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, a Government spokesman said: "This time I think Australia is being very fair. Until now they have discussed problems with Japan only from a logical viewpoint. Now Mr. Menzies has indicated a readiness to approach matters from a more realistic point of view."

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

- "1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to 'capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 'Hongkong currency, part of the 'undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of 'the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members 'holding shares of the Company 'as on the first day of April 'One thousand nine hundred 'and forty-one in respect of the 'net amount capitalised fully 'paid shares of the Company 'of equivalent nominal value in 'the proportion of one share for 'every three shares of the Company held by them respectively 'and that such shares so allotted 'shall rank for dividends as 'from the 1st day of July, 1941.

- "2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person 'would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, 'in lieu of issuing fractional 'certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person 'or persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share shall, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

#### NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

### GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

#### NOTICE

We have been informed that attempts are being made to sell Green Island Cement at rates above the Government Control prices which are:—

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R. TAYLOR,  
Manager and Secretary.

#### NOTICE

### DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post  
China and Macao  
16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign  
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph  
China and Macao  
14 cents per copy  
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign  
20 cents per copy  
25 cents Saturdays.

SEND THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

## PROMOTED ON FIELD AT 13



Thirteen-year-old hero of the Greek war in Albania—Anastasio Charalambopoulos—was promoted lance-corporal on the field and was congratulated by the Greek Prime Minister.

He followed his father to the front, hiding in the troop train, and was instrumental in capturing a number of Italian spies who were using a secret radio.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Spanish Programme.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Sam Browne (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Debussy.

7.10 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.

Edwin Murrell interviews Allstar Cook.

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Reginald Pount at the Organ: The Whistler and His Dog (Procyon); By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Keteleby); The Vision of Fuji-San (Keteleby).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Variety with Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Dance Music.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

10.15 Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

10.25 Musical Comedy "Yes Madam?"

Binnie Hale, Bobby Howes and Company with the Hippodrome Theatre Orchestra cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

11.0 Close down.

## Aid Britain Bill

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuters).—The Senate approved of an amendment terminating the operation of the Aid to Britain Bill on July 1, 1943, or earlier, if approved by the majority of both Houses.

## CRUEL SHOCK FOR STOMACH SUFFERER

"Only an operation can save you"

A cold shudder went down the spine of a gentleman recently. He had been suffering from stomach ulcers and, with a shock, heard the verdict that only an operation would save him. As a preliminary his doctor sent him into hospital where they put him on Maclean Brand Stomach Powder, a frequent practice in big hospitals treating stomach trouble.

In his letter to Macleans, this gentleman says: "In six weeks I walked out of that hospital a new man." And no operation either! You can imagine the jump-for-joy feeling of the stomach sufferer threatened with an operation who finds he has been cured without one. Well, you need not go very far to get the benefit of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. You can buy a bottle from your chemist for use in your own home.

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If you have any difficulty in obtaining it from your local chemist or store write to:—Banker & Co., P.O. Box 765, Hong Kong.

# Japanese Withdrawals From Central China May Be Ruse

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Chinese authorities are of the opinion that despite the withdrawal of a few Japanese troops from Central China, Japan is still anxious to settle the China campaign before the large-scale southward push.

They said that the rumour of the evacuation of four provinces in Central China for the southward push was probably a smokescreen for an offensive somewhere else in Free China in view of the present concentration of mountain climbing units in French Tonkin.

### Kwonghoi Occupied

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Landing at Kwonghoi, a port about 60 miles west of Macao on the southern coast of Kwangtung Province, Japanese Army forces have occupied the outskirts of the city while the main body pushed north and took Tushan-hu, eight miles north of Kwonghoi.

On the evening of March 3, Japanese forces captured Taishan, a town 20 miles north of Kwonghoi on the west bank of the West River.

### Hoppe Under Control

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PAKHOI, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Hoppe, about 20 miles north of Pakhoi, was placed under Japanese military control on Monday afternoon.

The promontory south of Pakhoi has also been occupied by Japanese forces.

### Epochal Achievement

#### CANTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).—

Colonel Sakuma, Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to South China, has issued the following statement:

"The present operations in which surprise landings were effected at numerous points while still maintaining close communication along a 440-kilometre coastline, resulted in the capture of an important transport route to Chungking and constitutes an epochal achievement unprecedented on the annals of war."

"Furthermore, the Hongkong-Shanghai route, the latest of Chungking's transportation avenues, has also been closed resulting in the seizure of large supplies of war materials and inflicting a further heavy blow upon Chungking."

"With all transportation avenues closed, the American loan becomes of little consequence for with Chungking's exports and imports completely cut off the doom of that regime is sealed."

## COMMISSIONERS POWERS ORDINANCE, 1886.

### Notification

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT,

Secretary to the Commissioners.

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## Husband's Mistake

Wrong Co-Respondent Named in New A.D.C. Show

When Sarah Bendish left her husband eight years ago, she wrote him a farewell note. But her handwriting was so difficult to read that it caused him to name the wrong man, Nicholas Flack, as co-respondent. Nicholas Flack had been on his annual elephant slaying expedition at the time and William Bendish lost the case. As he did not know where to find his wife and learn the name of the true co-respondent, the matter was allowed to drop until William met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

He was making considerable progress in the conquest of the mature charms of Mrs Bell Mason when his wife suddenly reappeared. Since she



A. A. Milne

had left her husband, Sarah had become a very successful designer of hats in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple."

### Complications

The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple" into William Bendish's life led to a series of complications and difficult situations. His young, twin nephew and niece added to the complications while acting as his own co-respondent in a precarious disguise and the village inn, was not the least of the difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A. A. Milne, the famous "Punch" writer.

The play, with Leonora Corbett as "Sarah Simple," A. K. Whitmore as William Bendish, and Agnes Luchlan as Mrs Bell Mason after receiving excellent notices from the critics in London had a long run at the Garrick Theatre.

The Hongkong A.D.C. are presenting the comedy at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 10, 20, 21 and 22.

The booking is now open at Anderson's Music Co., Ice House Street.

## English Harvest

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuters).—None will be called up from farms for military service until after the harvest.

This was announced by Mr R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, today. He said that this announcement was made in view of the importance of food production during the next few months.

## Filipino Club Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Filipino Club will be held at the Club House, King's Park, on Sunday, March 9, at 3.30 p.m.

### SAFEGUARD FOR FEVER

#### VICTIMS

You are not finished with fever when your temperature has gone down. Your body is undermined and not till you have built it up are you really out of danger.

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## Exchange At A Glance

### SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/4
Demand London	1/2 1/4
T.T. Shanghai	450
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	45 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2

### BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	24 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,345 ea.
H.K. Banks	74 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	70 1/2 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 n.
Mercantile, C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	76 b.

### INSURANCES

Cantons	215 n.
Union	417 ea.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 n.

### SHIPPING

Douglas	135 n.
Stamboats	9 n.
Indo-China	100 n.
Indo-China D.	60 n.
Shell (Barrers)	43 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

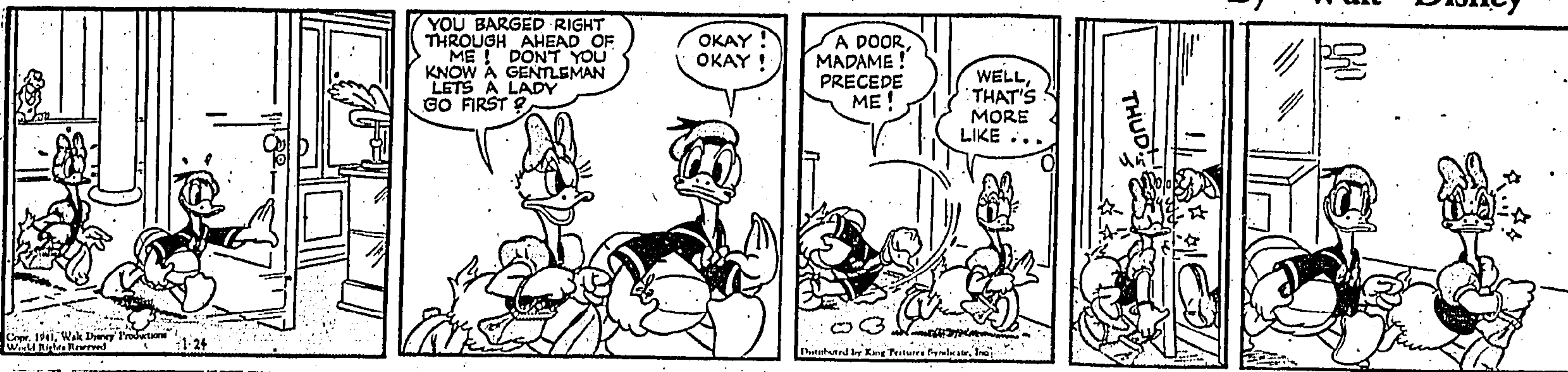
### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	5 n.
Docks (old)	17.00 n.
Docks (new)	17 n.



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"Hereafter, I wish you'd let the Government take care of our Pan-American trade relations!"

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

**ACROSS**

- Precious metal
- City in Germany
- Increase
- Away from wind
- Living into effect
- Wander
- Slap down noise
- Wheeler
- Arabian airport
- Removal
- Turn inside out
- Enter
- Entrance
- Yarnish ingredient
- Clavious compound
- Worth
- South American city (nub.)
- Wing-like part
- Almond
- Colonial leader
- Japanese possession
- Carpet
- Rock particles
- Amphibian
- Hold back
- Humid
- Frequently
- Lubricate
- Termination of truth
- Was chairman
- Is predatory
- Timid egg
- Timid bird
- Toward sky
- Lariat
- Implement
- Decorous

**DOWN**

- Breathe with difficulty
- Whispering not
- Shut-out person king
- Restrain
- Attention
- Back
- Backbone
- Cloth measure
- Is not (society)
- Place for meat
- Domineered over
- Below
- Proceeded
- Indirect of hunt
- Before
- Passer
- Large antelope
- Attainment
- Containing form: milk
- Apert
- Angler's weight
- Infrequently
- Loose
- Oriental country
- Attack
- Wicket mark
- Parent
- Child's nickname
- Crawling animal
- French
- Hotel
- Worthless remnant
- Less colorful
- Smooth-spoken
- One oil senses
- Remain
- Supra-singer
- Coquettish
- Whirl
- Thin
- Prey: half
- Postent
- Thin woman
- Male cat
- And

# NEW SYNTHETIC RUBBER IS MADE FROM PETROLEUM

In full detail a new triumph of chemistry—production of a synthetic rubber directly and easily from petroleum—was described before the American Chemical Society by chemists of the Standard Oil Development Company recently.

The discovery of butyl rubber has been a closely guarded secret. Now Dr Per K. Frolich, director of the chemical division of the Esso Laboratories, declares "butyl rubber can be manufactured in any required quantities as rapidly as the necessary plant facilities can be installed."

### Six Kinds

His was the first technical report of the new product, believed capable of sharing in the work to make America independent of natural rubber. For ten years the research has gone on. There are now half a dozen types of synthetic rubber all superior in specialized ways to nature's rubber—Thiokol, the product of Dow Chemical Company's laboratories; Neoprene by du Pont; Firestone's developments with Buna; Goodrich's Ameripol and Koro-seal; Goodyear's Chemigum; and now Standard Oil's butyl rubber.

Dr Frolich said for two years tests had been conducted to evaluate butyl rubber for specialized defence purposes. These tests will continue.

At present butyl rubber is produced from petroleum in a semi-commercial pilot plant using far more direct and simple processes than those required for production of other kinds of synthetic rubber said Dr Frolich.

It was because petroleum and rubber are built up of the same two chemical elements, carbon and hydrogen, that the Standard Oil Development Company became interested in synthetic rubber possibilities.

"It would seem," Dr Frolich pointed out, "that the petroleum industry with its abundant supply of low cost hydrocarbons is in the best possible position to supply our needs of synthetic rubber."

"Because of the dominating importance of the automobile tyre field as an outlet, tests were first undertaken on a small scale to answer the question of whether or not butyl rubber had any possibilities in this direction."

"Then when the future supply of natural rubber became a matter of national concern, Standard Oil was requested by the Army and Navy Munitions Board to co-operate with one or more rubber companies to the end that the suitability of butyl rubber for tyres could be determined at the earliest possible moment. Such a programme is still in progress."

### Characteristics

Distinctive characteristics of the new synthetic include greater ability to stretch than natural rubber; remarkable stability and durability; freedom from impurity; taste and odour; lack of colour; good age, tear and abrasion resistance; amazing resistance to mineral acids and unusual electrical properties.

Dr Frolich showed by means of motion picture film the difference between natural rubber and synthetic rubber. Nature's rubber is made up of extremely long, chainlike molecules in which the atoms are so arranged that a product is obtained with a high degree of elasticity. Rubber, however, does not have much mechanical strength until it has been vulcanized.

"The reason why rubber has become one of our most valuable structural materials can be attributed to two of its molecular characteristics—elasticity and unsaturation," Dr Frolich explained. "However, this very chemical unsaturation, which is so essential from the standpoint of vulcanization, is also the greatest shortcoming of rubber, for the reason that there is too much of it."

"Rubber is so highly unsaturated that it remains unstable and chemically reactive even after it has been combined with the small amount of sulphur normally required in the vulcanisation process. If we try to use enough sulphur to overcome this, we obtain hard rubber or ebonite—obviously not the answer for producing elastic and pliable rubber goods."

### Important Material

Just as a spare tyre loses more and more of its potential road mileage as it grows older, so all of our many rubber household articles, including rubber-insulated electric wiring, gradually deteriorate until they have to be replaced. Butyl rubber is characterized by a remarkable stability and durability which for many purposes make it superior to natural rubber and to other synthetics. By varying the composition of the raw materials employed it is possible to obtain products that differ considerably in their detailed properties.

"Originally the goal of chemistry was to synthesise a product that would equal natural rubber in those properties which have contributed to make it one of the most important structural materials," Dr Frolich said.

The more recent trend, however, is to synthesise materials closely resembling Nature's product in some respects, while at the same time surpassing it in others.

Since, like natural rubber, it is a hydrocarbon, butyl rubber definitely does not belong to the class of synthetics that are resistant to softening in petroleum solvents. Paradoxically, however, it is more resistant to such simple aromatics as benzol and toluol than even the synthetic rubbers now employed in gasoline-dispensing hose. It is more resistant than natural rubber to many oxygenated compounds and to certain other solvents such as ethylene dichloride.

### Easily Moulded

The new rubber is readily moulded even into articles of intricate design, and its good tear resistance is an aid in removing such products from the hot mould. Its wear resistance may be made comparable to natural rubber; and it is also more resistant to continued flexing both hot and cold. Indeed it will flex without cracking at a much lower temperature than any other rubber, natural or synthetic.

Hot concentrated nitric acid, for example, has no visible effect on the new rubber during a time interval which is sufficient to make a similar sample of natural rubber disappear completely.

Concerning the methods of manufacture, Dr Frolich had little to say, and concerning future manufacturing plans he replied that these will be somewhat dependent upon tests still in progress. National defence considerations are at the bottom of this and they will govern to some extent all evaluation of the new rubber for commercial uses.

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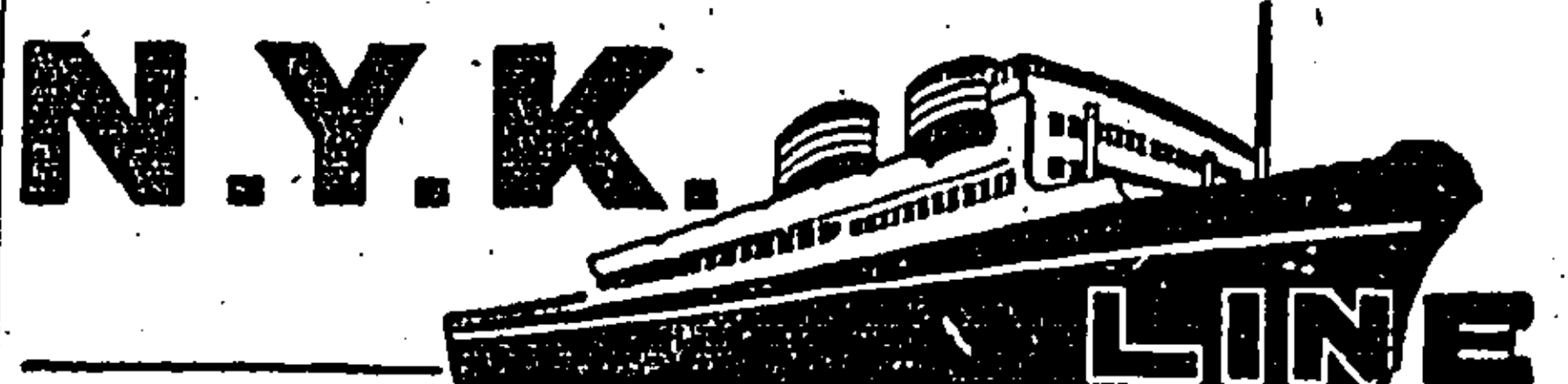
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Kasima Maru	Saturday	22nd Mar.	
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Tokio Maru	Thursday	27th Mar.	
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## PREPAREDNESS IN H.K.

MR Matsuoka has given Mr Churchill a new assurance that Japan has no intention of attacking British territory, which means that Japan has either abandoned her southward expansion project, or that the Japanese Foreign Minister doesn't mean exactly what he says. It would be nice to be able to accept the first alternative, but quite frankly the new and accelerated Japanese military and naval movements around the South China waters do not encourage this.

While Mr Matsuoka is uttering bland assurances, a Japanese spokesman in Saigon is boasting of the huge quantities of arms and munitions which Japan is sending to Thailand; a new Japanese armed landing is made at Pakhoi; Japanese warships are reported to be steaming southwards; more transports with men and munitions are landed at Bios Bay. Perhaps this is merely an indulgence in "war games" to keep Japan's increasing overseas armies from becoming bored with inactivity, but such an explanation is too comfortable. The British Government has not sent thousands of Australian and Indian troops to Malaya simply to give them an opportunity of learning how to hack a path through dense jungles or to take a course in tropical botany; wherefore it must be assumed the British Government, despite Tokyo assurances, is prepared to believe that British territory in the Orient face a very real threat.

It behoves Hongkong, and especially its unwieldy Chinese population to shake itself into a state of preparedness. Yesterday the "Telegraph" suggested that the leaders of the Chinese community put their heads together in an endeavour to evolve a scheme for the evacuation, as soon as possible, of a goodly portion of the Colony's excess population; alternatively to give the fullest support to any such plan proposed by Government.

During last week-end it was announced that the authorities aimed at settling several thousands of Chinese from Hongkong's congested areas on Lantau Island and Port Shelter, and, if regarded only as a defence measure, this has much to commend. Every encouragement is promised by the authorities to those willing to take advantage of the scheme, but Chinese reaction has not yet manifested itself. Recognising the urgency of the problem, Chinese community leaders are here present, with a fine opportunity of practical assistance by appealing, both through public speeches and through the Chinese press, for a quick and willing response. The scheme may not be ideal, but it possesses, advantageous features, and at the lowest can be described as a bold method of partly solving a very pressing problem. Lack of support for it can only be justified by suggesting an alternative. The big point the Chinese community must remember is that something has to be done in the matter.

## The Rt. Hon. HUGH DALTON,

Minister of Economic Warfare, in an interview with Maurice Webb, answers the question ....

CAN we expect positive and decisive results from the economic blockade of the enemy before this year is out?

This is the question I took round to the Ministry of Economic Warfare. I put it, with many supplementaries, before some of the experts there.

Then I marched with my question along the corridors of Berkeley Square House to the room of the man who plans and directs these mysterious but massive blockade operations, Hugh Dalton.

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Let me give you at once the conclusions I formed after hearing the confident, fact-supported answers I got from him.

1. By the end of 1941 the blockade of certain essential raw materials will seriously affect the quality, and to some extent the volume of enemy production.
2. Long before the end of the year—probably in the summer—the strain on enemy oil resources will be acute.
3. Before next winter our increasing disturbance of Germany's industrial and transport system will have caused a grave distributional crisis.

I submit those conclusions, not as optimistic prophecies, but as a considered and realistic assessment of coming events.

## Summing It Up

Not all the answers I was given can be published. For obvious reasons much of the background to the blockade must remain secret.

But in support of the above affirmations about this riddle of 1941, let me give you some of Mr Dalton's statements to me.

I put to him my first general query about the prospects of the blockade in 1941. This was his reply:

"I cannot volunteer a definite estimate of the probable results of the blockade in a given time in ignorance of other factors outside my control. Blockade does not work in a vacuum.

"It cannot win the war alone. "Blockade is the permanent background against which military action is set. Until we know the probable scale of military operations, it is impossible to predict the extent to which blockade will affect the enemy's war effort."

"Allowing for these other factors," I asked, "how far will blockade eventually decide the issue of victory or defeat for Hitler?"

The Minister's answer showed his anxiety to set his picture in proper perspective:

"We do not underestimate Germany's superior war preparedness, nor discount her vast accumulated stocks of war material.

## Unwise To Prophesy

"My own view is," said Mr Dalton, "that we should expect a long rather than a short war. It would be unwise to prophesy that we shall assume complete command or bring German production to a standstill in 1941.

"But I can say this. Blockade will seriously affect the quality of German war production, and will also substantially interfere with its distribution—in itself a vital consideration."

I asked for an illustration of this possibility.

"Well, here is an example," was the reply. "By cutting off supplies of nickel and other steel-hardening alloys, as we are doing very effectively, the quality of the Nazis' guns, tanks and other weapons will suffer.

Can Our  
Blockade Win?

"This, because they will be driven to other devices by no means so satisfactory, will add to the disorganisation of their distributive system.

"The goods they produce, even those of inferior quality, because of the added strain on transport, will fall to reach the place where they are wanted."

"This all-round interference with Hitler's war machine will open up the way to offensive assault in other fields," I suggested.

Striding up and down his room—with as much vigour as if he were bustling his way across his favourite Wiltshire Downs—the Minister for Economic Warfare indicated his complete agreement with this proposition.

"Exactly," he said. "The blockade is a vital and essential weapon. If we just sit back and wait until we have accumulated enough strength to take the military offensive against Hitler we shall wait in vain.

"We must strike hammer blows at the enemy's most vulnerable point. That point is the core of his vast but not too securely established production machine.

"We have been striking such blows for months past. We shall continue to do so with mounting effect.

"Blockade creates the vulnerable points, bombs attack them.

"Bombs, you might say, are the most direct form of economic warfare.

"And the results of this combined assault at no very distant date will be seen, either in reckless attempts by Hitler to force an early issue or in a growing loss of his striking power.

## Ersatz Basis

"You must remember," he went on, "that the whole basis of the Nazi war organisation is artificial, or 'Ersatz'."

"They have built up a huge but complicated organism which is highly brittle. Weakness or dislocation at any one point inevitably retards the operation of every part of that organism.

"And a breakdown, with serious effects on Germany's military strength, is a far from remote consequence of the all-round pressure we are steadily exerting."

Here the Minister resumed his seat and allowed me to make a few points.

These amounted to this question: "How has the blockade been affected by the enemy's victories in the summer?"

## Using Up The Loot

"Hitler's problems of organisation, supply and administration have been vastly extended and complicated by his military conquests," was the reply.

"He obtained much loot, which is quickly being used up. When it has gone he has millions more consumers to support.

"They want what Germany wants—rubber, oil, textiles, copper, tin and fats."

I put in a reminder of the Nazi boast that Europe under

their control can be made self-supporting. "What have you to say to that?" I asked.

"It might be made so if they were left free to develop their synthetic processes, turn the transport systems upside down, and given a few years to accomplish a complete economic revolution.

"But the time and freedom of operation they want is just what we are not giving them.

"We work in close accord with the RAF. Their bombing plans are directed to the points where we have good reason for thinking that the maximum industrial and transport dislocation will follow.

"And so complicated is this artificial system on which Hitler relies to utilise the general resources of Europe that our destruction of one point radiates far-reaching waves of disturbance right across the Continent."

Hugh Dalton

Here I raised the question of Hitler's "Ersatz system" to which the Minister had referred. "Can you explain that more precisely?" I inquired.

"Well, here is an example. Transport is a major weakness for the Nazis," Mr Dalton replied. "The natural way into Germany is from the Western ports. All the transport routes radiate from that region. Extraordinary delays and complications are caused by the attempt to use for urgent war purposes the reverse route from the Eastern side."

I invited Mr Dalton to develop his point about "all-round pressure." "Is assuming all of Rumania's output of over six millions is available, only amounts to around 11 million tons."

"That leaves a gap of 14 million tons between consumption and production, even supposing Germany can get hold of all existing European supplies," he replied. "Some supplies will always find their way piles. We are not working in the dark. We have a pretty good idea from various sources of the supplies reaching enemy and enemy-controlled territory."

## Far East Route

"What about supplies from Russia and the Far East?" was my next query.

"I suppose you have in mind the old Vladivostok problem," the Minister retorted. "Well, you need not worry much on that score. There are vast transport problems to be solved before goods in any quantity can get through from that area or the Far East. What is passing through is a mere trickle. And we keep a sharp eye even on that trickle."

"I must confess that the amount of cotton passing by this route is one of our present problems, and will be dealt with."

"Transport problems," I suggested, "seem to be altogether a major source of Nazi headaches?"

"Quite right. They are all part of the 'distributional crisis' I spoke of earlier. Long before the war Germany's railways were feeling the strain of the unnatural burden to which they were subjected.

"This burden is now intensified tenfold. Just think of the pre-war volume of imports by sea to Germany alone—to say nothing of the occupied territories.

"Of that volume a great deal is cut off, without redress, by our sea blockade, but all the rest is thrown on to the railways of Europe.

"Germany may steal rolling stock from her victims, cut down passenger services to 30 per cent. pre-war services or less, but the problem remains, and we expect to see some interesting results in this field in 1941.

"Take the distribution of coal, for example. On paper Germany has plenty of coal. And yet recent evidence shows that in many places the situation is serious.

## Fourth Article

RIDDLES  
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"There is one answer. Transport. Coal is desperately needed to maintain German exports—by rail again—and to feed her expensive 'Ersatz' industries. But coal is a bulky thing to transport.

"Road transport, apart from its inability to replace bulk transport by rail, devours precious petrol and oil."

## Facts For Germany

By this time our Economic Warfare Chief was in full stride across the room again.

I got him back to his chair and studied reflection by this straight query:

"What are the real facts about the essential supplies available to Hitler in Europe?"

This was his answer:

"I don't want to exaggerate Germany's shortages.

"But pre-war stocks and loot from the occupied territories are being used up, and in the area under German control there is a natural deficiency of rubber, oil, cotton, copper, and certain ferro-alloys for hardening steel.

"Iron ore, however, Germany has access to in abundance. She has no lack of bauxite, from which aluminium, for aircraft and to replace copper in non-vital places, is made.

"Both these commodities have been made available by her recent conquests, and confer an advantage which should not be underestimated."

## Key Commodity

But what of oil, the key commodity of modern war?

When I brought this question up I reminded the Minister that he was being criticised for over-optimism on this score.

He gave one of his high-explosive laughs.

"I know," he said, "but let me state the grounds for my optimism in their least sensational aspect.

"Total peacetime consumption of oil in Continental Europe west of the Soviet is something like 25 million tons. Of this Germany and Italy normally used nearly 11 million tons."

"The maximum figure for European oil production, including a high estimate of synthetic production and assuming all of Rumania's output of over six millions is available, only amounts to around 11 million tons."

"That leaves a gap of 14 million tons between consumption and production, even supposing Germany can get hold of all existing European supplies."

## Oil Gap

"With the most drastic restrictions on non-military consumption, and allowing for the accumulation of vast pre-war stocks, that gap is too wide to be comfortable for a nation engaged in modern mechanised warfare. "Everything said of the distribution and transport problem in respect of coal can be applied to oil—only more so."

"Rumania's oil used to be transported chiefly by sea. Now no oil can reach Hitler by sea, and while we control the Eastern Mediterranean, Germany must depend on convoys and rail and river transport from Rumania.

"I do not think Germany will actually be able to transport much more than half Rumania's total output. "And don't forget we are bombing synthetic oil plants, refineries and vital rail centres incessantly."

## The Real Key

"There I think you have the real key to your riddle of 1941. "Our economic assault is certain to be positive—very apparently positive."

"I think decisive is too big a word for 1941. But blockade will prove at least as decisive as it did in the last war."

My final question to Mr Dalton was to confront him with the conclusions enumerated at the beginning of this article. "Would you say they were far wrong?" I asked.

He replied: "You are in danger of being classed with me as an optimist, but I think your conclusions are near the mark."

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# REVIEW OF ALLIED FIGHTING AND MERCANTILE FLEETS IN COMMONS

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Herculean task of the British Fleet in modern conditions—performing the task of the five fleets in the last war—was outlined by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons to-day.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr. Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence said Mr. Alexander, he had no hesitation in asking for "many more ships, very good ships, greater numbers of men, very fine men, and great quantities of stores of the most substantial kind."

The task of the Fleet had been magnified by the collapse of France which had altered the whole fabric of British strategy. The collapse of France gave the Germans now a naval ally in Italy numerically stronger at sea than the Germans themselves. It did more than turn Mussolini into an accomplice to a pirate—it gave the pirate himself new lairs whence to sail forth.

When the threat first loomed up, the Navy had just completed a vast series of operations from the mist-shrouded cliffs of Narvik to the sun-bathed beaches of St. Jean de Luz, of which history has probably never seen a parallel.

## Dunkirk Losses

The Navy bore its part with the Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers in extricating hundreds of thousands of our troops from Norway and France. It was not a task for which our ships were designed. Considerable losses were expected and accepted, especially in damage to destroyers. By skill, seamanship and devotion to duty, the Navy deprived the enemy of anything like the toll that he had confidently anticipated, but the Navy was seriously depleted at the very moment when the whole problem had become more complex with the exit of France and the entry of Italy.

By swinging strides, however, we have immeasurably improved our position. With forces initially much inferior, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham and Vice-Admiral Sir James Somerville not only kept the Italian fleet cooped in the Mediterranean but neutralised it even in waters which Italy specially claimed as hers.

In every encounter, our crew had shown such superiority that units of the Italian Navy scarcely venture to dispute even the waters around their bases.

## Winter Gales

During winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there was duty to be done.

Enemy communique claims would seem to show that we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines (Laughter).

In fact the daily work of the Fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of the Ark Royal, which had many times answered the German

questions concerning her whereabouts, proved that the great body of the Fleet of August, 1939, remained intact.

Mr. Alexander would say to the German Navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with only the ships which you profess to have sunk."

## Coming Into Service

The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, now at sea or instantly ready for the sea is greater than at any time since the war began.

The ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of the workers in shipyards and the untiring persistence and skill of the managements have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner. Our long-term programmes of construction are maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached.

It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing artillery, have carried the war into enemy ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the Army in Libya.

## Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm has also become a notable weapon of offence. In the present war, it has destroyed one enemy battleship, one cruiser, four destroyers, four submarines, four other naval vessels and 15 supply ships in addition to damaging at least two battleships, two cruisers, four destroyers, four miscellaneous craft and 20 transport or supply ships.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarines have destroyed something like 100 enemy warships and supply ships.

After a tribute to the Navy's assiduous and successful clearing of mines which are constantly being sown in many waters, Mr. Alexander said that the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

## In Mediterranean

With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt. In addition, they had to divert into their offensive operations against the enemy flank in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency in carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of

Italian prisoners and even pumping water ashore to the thirsty troops.

## Shipping Losses

Up to May, 1940, losses of British, Allied and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week. The next seven months remained obstinately at an average just under 30,000 tons. During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 51,300 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to the improved measures of protection, but thought that they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason among other possibilities.

"We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows. The enemy has used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot—lurking mines, powerful raiders, aircraft, stealthy E-boats and submarines."

## Our Defences Growing

Counter-measures to long-range aircraft attacks are being developed, said Mr. Alexander, though he would not reveal their nature.

As our resources grow, so will the raider's opportunities become fewer. As for U-boat attacks, expansion of aerial reconnaissance will become progressively more difficult for the enemy to avoid while the R.A.F. will continue to dislocate the organisation of U-boat patrols by attacks upon their bases.

At sea an increased number of escorts will enable us to provide greater protection for convoys and to these advantages will be added improvements in anti-submarine tactics. Meantime we continue to inflict losses upon the enemy submarine flotillas. To give the German Naval Staff their due, they change U-boat tactics when they become too costly and new tactics demand changes in our own measures which take time to perfect.

## Armed Merchantmen

The defensive arming of merchant ships has been justified by the timely use of guns, which have enabled merchant seamen to preserve themselves and turn the tables on the enemy.

The claims of enemy official communiques about merchant tonnage sunk amount to double our actual losses, though some of these losses cannot be known.

New ships are delivered from British yards plus those abroad, and the volume of captured enemy ships now in our service has replaced more than two-thirds of the tonnage of British ships lost by enemy action.

In addition we have the advantage of chartering ships of other states run by the enemy. On the other hand, the enemy has lost over 2,000,000 tons sunk, captured or scuttled and over 1,000,000 tons are lying useless in neutral harbours.

## Million Tons Salvaged

Thanks to Admiralty salvage organisation, the total tonnage rescued and saved up to the end of last year was over 1,000,000 tons.

Of the 50 destroyers which the United States transferred to us, some have already delivered attacks on enemy submarines and others, in the course of their escort duties, have shared in the rescue of victims of enemy attacks.

The peoples of the British Commonwealth have given unstinted support in the war at sea. Canadian destroyers have taken a share of the destroyers' task of protecting seaborne trade across the Atlantic.

Australian cruisers and destroyers, and New Zealand cruisers have participated with great distinction and success in the operations in the Mediterranean and the Middle East and the protection of important convoys.

South Africa naval units are also making a very welcome contribution in the Mediterranean and the small but highly efficient Royal Indian Navy is doing valuable work in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

## Allied Navies

Mr. Alexander did not betray the strength of the naval contingents of Free France, Poland, Holland, and Norway but they are most useful reinforcements and are steadily expanding, he said.

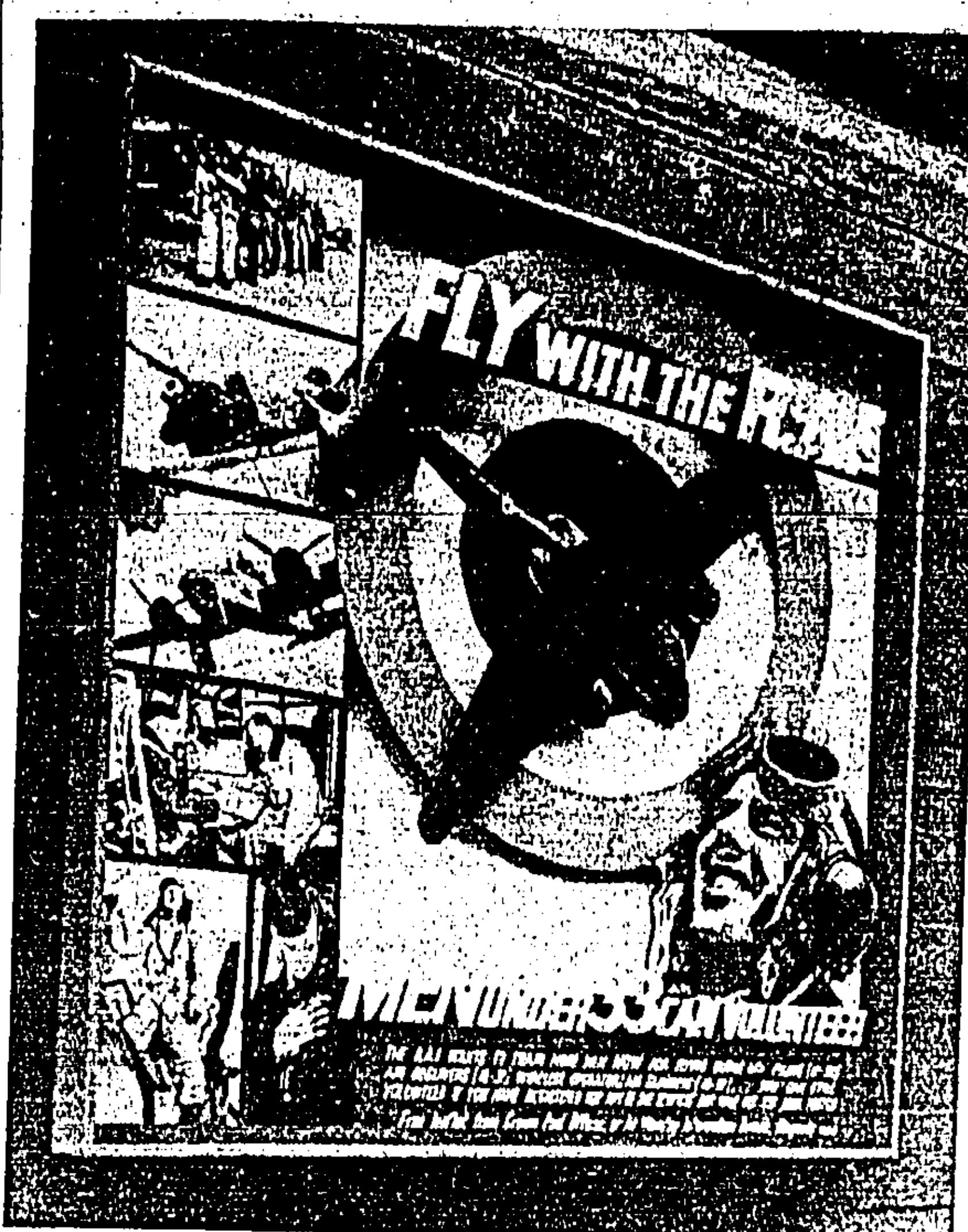
The Belgians, having no vessels of their own, have come forward to help man the other ships and he was glad to say that there is now a Belgian section of the Royal Navy.

In conclusion, Mr. Alexander specially paid tribute to the "gallant fight of the small but heroic and efficient Greek Navy."

## Execution Of Hardy Nords

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Saying that the sentences are "revolving and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion," the Swedish newspaper "Socialdemokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians, condemned to death by the German military court at Bergen for espionage. The charge was one of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions.

It is feared that a similar fate awaits ten Norwegians who were recently sentenced on a similar charge at Hauge where a further 13 or 14 Norwegians are awaiting trial.



Novel are the methods which have been evolved to board up shop windows which have been blown in by bombs in London and other cities. Perhaps one of the most striking efforts is the one illustrated here in which an attractive appeal for R.A.F. volunteers fills what was once a glass window.

## Goebbels Must Have Told A Fib!

Athenia Sinking Cat Out Of Bag

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss "Gazette de Lausanne" to-day makes the unexpected announcement that it was a German submarine which sank the Athenia at the beginning of the war. When the Athenia was sunk in the neighbourhood of the British Isles, the reaction in the United States to this event was awaited with some nervousness. Nothing happened.

The torpedoing was the work of a German submarine and was one of those clumsy acts which the Third Reich has been careful to avoid ever since.

Mr. Churchill Blamed German propaganda then caused it to be understood that the sole responsibility for the catastrophe was Mr. Churchill.

The reason was that Germany was not then disposed to make declarations of war as was the case in the last war, and though well aware of the sympathy for Britain on the part of the governing classes in the United States, the Germans were not anxious to fan the flame.

## King Orders Prayers

March 23 Set Aside

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—At the desire of the King, Sunday, March 23, will be observed as a national day of prayer "for strength and guidance in days to come and in thanksgiving for the blessings already received," said a Buckingham Palace announcement.

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes: "We cannot but be thankful when we think of the wonderful way in which we have escaped the dangers which surrounded us last summer and autumn; of the most heartening successes of the Fleet, Army and Air Force in the Mediterranean and North Africa; of the continued unity of our own people. 'Although we dare not indulge in any boastful or easy self-confidence, for all these happenings we may well thank God and take courage.'"

Cardinal Hinsley has called all Catholics to prayer on the same date, writing: "The times are critical, as perhaps never before in the history of the Church, and the position of our Holy Father is delicate or perhaps dangerous. Our petitions for him should be frequent and heartfelt. The Lord preserve him and give him life and suffer him not to fall into the hands of his enemies."

## Japanese Shipping Losses In War

HONGKONG, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Naval Headquarters of the Chinese National Military Council yesterday announced that 192 Japanese ships had been sunk and 108 damaged by Chinese shore batteries and river mines up to the end of 1940.

The vessels sunk include 27 medium-sized warships and 20 transports.

The damage done to Japanese shipping is estimated at nearly \$200,000,000.

## British Note To Bulgaria

Active Co-Operation With Nazis Alleged

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The British Government has come to the conclusion that the Bulgarian Government, so far from desiring to maintain neutrality in the present conflict, is now prepared actively to co-operate with Germany, states the note presented by the British Minister to Bulgaria in regard to the presence of German troops in Bulgaria.

The note adds that it is a matter of indifference to the British Government what steps Bulgaria may think fit to take for the protection of the country against external danger, real or imaginary, but "Britain is at war with Germany and the presence, in ever-increasing force, of German troops on Bulgarian territory, combined with the growing subservience of the Bulgarian Government to German policy, is in the opinion of the British Government incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria."

## False Reason

Alluding to the Bulgarian Premier's statement, the note says that the British Government is unaware that the peace and tranquillity of Bulgaria has ever been threatened or disturbed by any power which is not a party to the Tripartite Pact and they consider the pretext advanced by the German Government a specious one designed, in accordance with the usual German practice, to mask an ulterior aggressive aim.

From the nature of the German military movements in the Balkans, it is clear that Germany's intention is to menace and, if necessary, attack Britain's ally, Greece.

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### Army Rugby League

#### R. Artillery Trounce M'sex 22-6

TWO FIXTURES in the Army Rugby League were played at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Artillery trouncing a weak Middlesex side 22-6, and Royal Engineers ousting the Royal Scots 3-0 after a most gruelling match.

Sappers scored in the first half through Sheldrake, in the corner. Just before the half-time whistle Sappers were penalised inside their "25" line but Millar's kick failed.

In the second period, R. Scots attacked with a vengeance and were on several occasions within an ace of scoring. Just before the end, Sappers were penalised again, this time almost on their line, but again Millar failed.

#### Gunnery Superior

GUNNERS were far too superior for Middlesex. They led 8-3 at half-time, but it was Middlesex who took the lead when Freshwater kicked a fine penalty goal from 35 yards on the touchline. But Gunnery were not long in replying—Marsh went over and Keeble added the points.

Marsh added three more points before the interval when he went over in the corner. The kick failed.

The second half saw Gunnery dominating play. Richards paved the way for Marsh to score again, the kick failing. Richards and Eddison added further unconverted tries, and finally Middlesex, through Freshwater, scored their second unconverted try.

The last goal of all for Gunnery, which was converted by Keeble, was the result of an excellent passing movement that culminated in Richards crossing the line near the posts.

#### Association Team For Governor's Cup

The following will represent Hongkong Football Association against Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the second match for the Governor's Cup at Causeway Bay at 3.30 p.m. on March 16:

Bankier (Scots); Roughley (Navy); Fraser (Scots) (Capt.); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); Thomas (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrier (Police); Rierson (Club).

Reserves—Lapsley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy); Hossack (Scots); Sheehan (Middlesex); Hendy (Navy); Manager, Capt. H. E. Guest (Middlesex).

## Problem Of Defence: Full-backs Vulnerable But Halves Sound

ALL IS IN READINESS for the big match between Hongkong and Macao to be played at Macao next Sunday. Hongkong will embark on its eighth Interport fixture having won three, drawn two and lost two.

With anything like good weather hopes run high for a large attendance, for the Colony team is always a great attraction in the Portuguese port.

In our team there are four new "caps", and these are H. Marques (Recreio), Karminder Singh (Khalsa), B. Gosano (Recreio) and H. L. Ozorio (Recreio).

I need not say that there is a feeling in some circles that our backs are none too strong, and it is to be hoped that they will face up to the Portuguese forwards.

Here, in my view, is where we may be found the weak spot of our defence. But one can only trust that Bond and Gonsalves will rise to the occasion.

Benwell, our goalkeeper, has been none too brilliant of late. The Club and Y.M.C.A. man has his days, and let us hope that one of those days will be next Sunday.

#### Sound Halves

WE have sound strength in our halves. H. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley may be expected to give a good account of themselves. They well know the Portuguese forward play and will act accordingly. If the first named is in anything like the form we have seen of late, he will prove a rare stumbling block to the opposing left flank. He is a grand tackler and worker, and I congratulate him on a success so long deferred.

We all know what Reed has done in the centre during the past—he needs no further introduction.

On comparative form I would have preferred Tony Alves at left-half to Whitley, but the Selectors have made their decision, and Norman, last year, gave a good account of himself alongside Reed, and in the circumstances it is sound policy.

It is a common truism that the "brains" of the attack is usually in the halves. One must stand or fall on that elementary fact, and here is shown our greatest strength.

#### Fair Attack

IN comparison to Macao's attack, which was seen against Recreio a week ago, the Colony forwards may be termed "fair." Karminder Singh and Guruchan Singh, the Khalsa team-mates, form a useful right flank combination. The former is young and speedy and centres with great accuracy. The latter is a clever inside forward with good stick-work, and is a good shot.

They will have to bear the brunt of the Colony attack. B. Gosano, the leader of the Colony attack, is a surprise selection, and if not a highlight, is a hard-working centre-forward. His football sense and experience should serve him in good stead. Speed is his greatest asset.

H. L. Ozorio has shown good form in the trials and one hopes that he and Brown can make a blend on the left wing.

The non-appearance of E. Fowler, the C.B.A. and Club forward, is a

### Macao XI

MACAO fielding their strongest team will be represented by the following: Goal-keeper—C. G. Almada. Backs—H. Rosario and A. Bas-to.

Halves—J. Nolasco, Alex Alro-sa and J. Santos Ferreira. Forwards—F. Nolasco, Albert Alro-sa, P. Angelo, L. Costa (captain) and R. Angelo. Reserves—J. Trigo Silva, Gus-tavo Silva, F. Ramalho and F. Rosario.

## Random Jottings

### Interport Omissions

THE INTERPORT TEAM has been chosen and the Selectors have done their job—but whether well or not is left to be seen. In the estimation of many, a stronger Colony side could have been fielded, but the deed has been done, and the Civilian representative, who has taken the full responsibility, will, in due course, take what is coming to him.

Since the Services were not included this year, it was obvious that the Army and Navy representatives took less interest in the selections, and it was necessary, therefore, that at least two other civilians be co-opted—but to my surprise this was not done. Instead, a present member of the team was only referred to for advice.

A burning question is why was Parker omitted from the team? He was one of the original 17 players chosen, but to have left him suddenly in the cold is bewildering. He should have, at least, been included as a reserve in preference to E. Fowler, who was not originally selected.

I sympathise with the former for the injustice done him, for in the trials he gave a very good account of himself. I think the Selector or Selectors owe him an apology.

At this stage it is useless crying over spilt milk—badly spilt—but I would like the Selectors to bear in mind for the future that if a job of this nature is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

THE Interport records are as follows:

1934. H.K. drew at H.K.	1-1
1935. H.K. won at Macao	3-1
1936. H.K. lost at H.K.	0-1
1937. H.K. won at Macao	1-0
1938. H.K. lost at H.K.	0-1
1939. H.K. drew at Macao	2-2
1940. H.K. won at H.K.	3-1

From the above it will be observed that we have one victory to our credit.

ARRANGEMENTS for the trip to Macao are in the hands of Mr. V. M. Benwell. Those interested are requested to get into direct communication with him.

Players are also reminded that the Interport team will meet at the Y.M.C.A. at 6.15 p.m. on Friday where a discussion will be held with regard to the team in general and the selection of the Captain.

The obvious choice is W. A. Reed, who is playing in his eighth Interport. This record has never been reached by any other player in the Colony.

The new captain, when nominated, will "tip" the team as to how our opponents should be defeated. This, by the way, is at the instigation of the Selectors.

THE Interport Reserves, A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, E. Fowler and D. Smith are a very useful bunch, and in my estimation, three, at least, should have been in the team. But I have mentioned before that the "human element" must never be overlooked. Should any of these players be called upon, I am positive they will accomplish what is required of them.

NO League fixtures were played during the week-end due to Volunteer Camps, but they will be resumed as usual next Sunday.

A MEETING of the Umpires Association will take place tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church Hall. All interested are welcome.

## DIFFICULT DUTIES OF A LEFT BACK Positioning To Advantage

THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION but that the position of a left back is far from being the easiest on the field, as he has often to tackle on the left side should there be no time to get around to the right.

### Championship Schedule For Next Week

FIRST MATCHES in the Colony Badminton Championships will be played next week, commencing on March 13 at King's College.

The programme arranged will be:

March 13 at King's College:  
Men's Junior Singles—J. L. Anderson v. H. Wong-tai, 7 p.m.; P. A. Yvanovich v. H. Dingdale, 7.45.  
Men's senior singles—S. Amplevannar v. P. K. Hoel, 8.30.  
Men's Junior Doubles—J. S. Young and M. K. Fung v. D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo, 8.15.

March 14 at Talkoo:  
Men's senior Singles—C. Au v. H. C. Eardley, 8 p.m.  
Men's Junior Doubles—P. C. Leung and K. P. Chu v. E. A. Alves and P. P. Botelho, 7 p.m.; C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. J. Hoel and T. B. Teoh, 7.45.  
P. A. Yvanovich and D. T. Gosano v. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynne-Dieth, 8.30.  
Mixed Doubles—E. and Mrs. Zimmerman v. Patrick Wong and Miss O. Ribeiro, 9.15.

March 15 at Recreio:  
Men's Junior Doubles—J. L. Anderson and W. Gilles v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, 7 p.m.  
Men's Junior Singles—H. M. Lavalle v. P. Lo, 7.45; T. S. Young v. J. Tsang, 8.30.  
Mixed Doubles—E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v. H. C. and Miss D. Eardley, 9.15.

March 20 at Talkoo:  
Men's Junior Doubles—J. Zimmerman v. J. Hoel, 8 p.m.  
Men's Senior Doubles—K. W. Choy and K. B. Low v. J. D. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves, 8.54.  
Mixed Doubles—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, 9.15.

surprise, as, with defence to the inside-left chosen, I regard him by far the speedier and more skilful player.

#### Forward Weakness

SUCCESS or failure of the Colony in past years has depended on the inclusiveness of the forward line. This year, in particular, without the aid of the Services, this has been the main weakness—the inability to obtain a combination that is eminently desirable in an Interport eleven.

Hongkong has only won one fixture on their home ground, and this they did when they beat Macao last year 3-1. Playing on their home ground, Macao will be out to reverse that decision, though this has not occurred before. Should L. Costa and R. Rosario make the team, Macao will be almost assured of victory.

But our forward and backs may serve up a surprise. One only hopes

To do this successfully, he must have complete control of his reversed stick with his left hand, as, if he uses the right hand, he is almost sure to foul badly.

To do this tolerably well is one of the few really difficult strokes of the game, but how and when exactly to put it into execution is not easy to describe.

When he is running alongside and on the left of an opponent he must match his opportunity, and with a quick turn of the wrist flick the ball out, and to the right and behind. This gives him a chance of darting behind the opponent to either hit or push the ball clear.

In stopping a centre from the right wing he may not always be in a position to clear instantaneously, as he will almost always be facing the sideline from whence the ball has come. An alert inside right or centre-forward will be on him without wasting time and it is then that he must be cool and use his head in clearing.

#### Positional Importance

THE left back should always endeavour, as far as possible, to be in such a position that he is able to tackle his opponent direct and not from the left.

In the case of the opposing inside-right, it will help the back to be successful if he keeps slightly to the left of his own left—of the forward. And much, if not all, that has been said about the right back applies equally to the left.

### F.A. Meeting

The March monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 5.30 p.m. in the Association's office, when the draw for the Semi-final round of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions will be made.

### Recreio Cricket XI

The following will represent Recreio Juniors against H.M.S. Tamar in a friendly Cricket match on Saturday at King's Park:  
E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, L. J. Remedios, F. Remedios, A. A. Lopes and A. J. M. Frata.

that these players will play up to form and show that the confidence of the Selectors has not been misplaced. The human element, of course, must not be overlooked. I will fully report the Interport match next week.

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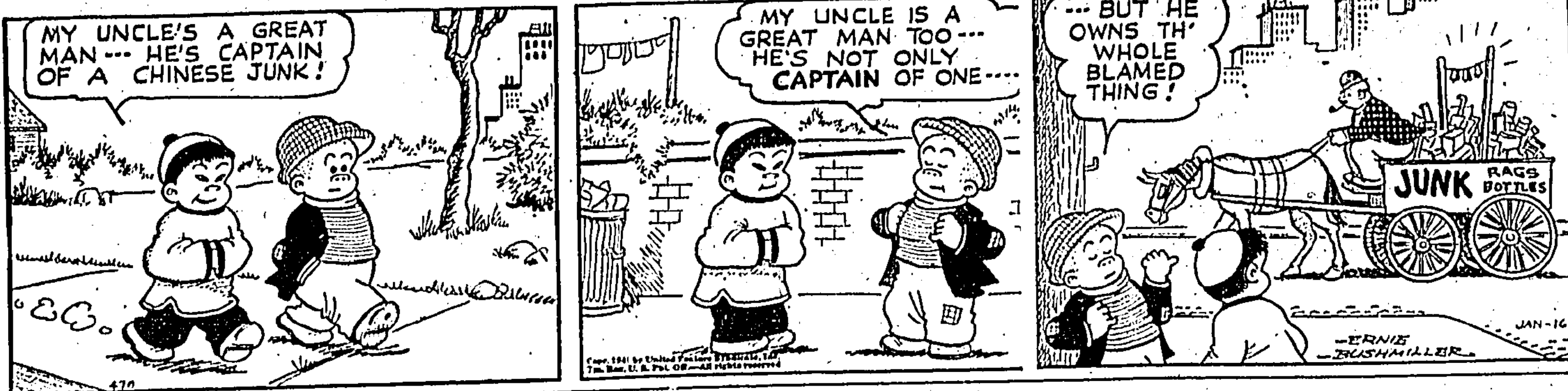
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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Konoye Calls Cabinet To Discuss Mediation Issue

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, has decided to call an urgent Cabinet meeting on March 6 as the French have again failed to hand in their reply to the Japanese compromise formula for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute, says an official Japanese report.

The report adds that the French failure is attributed by political observers to delayed discussions among the French delegates in Tokyo and not deliberate intention on the part of France to postpone or break up the mediation conference.

Since the French have clearly expressed a desire for a satisfactory conclusion, the Japanese authorities are said to be calm.

### French Warned

TOKYO, Mar. 6 (UP).—It is reported that Mr. Matsuoka, Saito of the Foreign Office visited the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henry this afternoon and warned him that any delay in the French reply may bring about a serious situation. He said Japan was unwilling to extend the armistice period for a third time. However, the Japanese Government is hoping to receive the French reply by Thursday at the latest.

### Talks Continue

VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—The latest despatches from Tokyo report that the conversations between Ambassador Henry and Mr. Matsuoka have not been wholly completed and will continue to-morrow, if necessary. It is believed that the Japanese will prolong the armistice.

It is unofficially stated that the French would like to establish a special demilitarized zone in French territory, in which the Thais would not be allowed to plant troops or build fortifications.

## FASCISTS IN SPAIN

### Legal Privileges

MADRID, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Members of the National Council of the Falange (Fascist) Party have been given a privileged position with regard to the law, under a decree published to-day. The decree states that no National Councillor can be arrested without an order from the head of the Party, unless caught in flagrante delicto, in which case the head of the Party must be immediately advised.

Legal action can be taken against National Councillors but only subject to the authorisation of the President of the Falange Political Board. Other Falange authorities cannot be arrested except by an order of special judicial authorities who are empowered under the new law to try them in cases other than flagrante delicto.

### Hsu Protests

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Mr. Hsu Shih-yung attended this afternoon's session of the People's Political Council, which he has been attending since Saturday. He said that it was nonsense to say he had been in Hongkong meeting anybody.



The centre of attraction in the Gloucester Arcade these days, this Sunbeam-Talbot car, is the first prize in the Bomber Raffle in aid of the Bomber Fund. Since Monday, Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd, who donated the prize and arranged its display, have supervised the sale of tickets, many thousands of which have been sold in the Arcade by lady helpers.

## Prince Konoye Leaves Sickroom For Palace

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Domel).—The Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, proceeded to the Imperial Palace this afternoon. Received in audience by the Emperor, the Premier reported to the Throne on political affairs under his jurisdiction.

## GLASGOW CHEERS King And Queen Visit Factories

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The King and Queen paid an eight-hour visit to Glasgow to-day and received a tremendous welcome.

The King talked to the dockers' leaders of the importance of handling ships quickly and was assured by the Secretary of the Scottish Transport Workers' Union that all their energies were directed to unloading ships in the shortest possible time.

"I am very glad to hear that," said the King. "It is of vital importance these days," said the King. Their Majesties visited the factories and inspected a big parade of A.R.P. personnel and Home Guard. Vast crowds cheered them at all points in their drive round the city.

## Netherlands East Indies Women Must Register

BATAVIA, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—For the first time in her history, the Netherlands East Indies has begun registering women for compulsory services.

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### COMMISSIONERS POWERS ORDINANCE, 1886.

#### Notification

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT.

Secretary to the Commissioners.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

- "1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to 'capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the 'undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of 'the Company's Reserve Fund, 'and to allot to the members 'holding shares of the Company 'as on the first day of April 'One thousand nine hundred 'and forty-one in respect of the 'net amount capitalised fully 'paid shares of the Company 'of equivalent nominal value in 'the proportion of one share for 'every three shares of the Com- 'pany held by them respectively 'and that such shares so allotted 'shall rank for dividends as 'from the 1st day of July, 1941.
- "2. That if on such distribu- 'tion as aforesaid any person 'would be entitled to a frac- 'tional share the Directors shall, 'in lieu of issuing fractional 'certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person 'or persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share shall, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the pro- 'ceeds distributed amongst the 'persons entitled to the frac- 'tions making up such share."

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

#### NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

### Filipino Club Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Filipino Club will be held at the Club House, King's Park, on Sunday, March 9, at 3.30 p.m.

## PROMOTE ON FIELD AT 13



Thirteen-year-old hero of the Greek war in Albania—Anastasios Charalambopoulos—was promoted lance-corporal on the field and was congratulated by the Greek Prime Minister.

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12.30 Spanish Programme.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Sam Browne (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from C. B. Cochran's Shows.

2.15 Close down.

2.45 Indian Programme.

3.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Darius.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.

Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cook.

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Reginald Foort at the Organ.

The Whistler and His Dog (Pryor); By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Ketelbey); The Vision of Fuji-San (Ketelbey).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Variety with Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Dance Music.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

10.25 Musical Comedy "Yes Madam".

Binnie Hale, Bobby Howes and Company with the Hippodrome Theatre Orchestra cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

11.00 Close down.

### MEDICAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association was held in the School of Anatomy, Hongkong University, last evening. The proceedings were of a private nature.

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## Soldier Faces Serious Charges At Sessions

The trial of Pte Frank Kenneth Jacobs, Royal Army Medical Corps, on charges of rape and indecent assault, was commenced before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Jacobs is alleged to have raped and indecently assaulted Man Shu-ying, an 18-year-old spinster, in King's Park on January 16.

Mr J. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. G. She, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ, was for the defence.

The Jury comprised Messrs G. T. Harrington (Foreman), Lou In-iso, C. Goldin, Ma Yue-man, Lee Gwo-ying, Chan Kam-shing and Tan Pohn-king.

Mr Murphy said that the girl was a waitress employed at the Nathan Hotel, and some months prior to January she became friendly with a soldier called Walton, whom she knew by the name of Ginger. On Christmas Day she became engaged to another soldier named Bright, and about three months ago she knew Accused for the first time when the latter went to the hotel with Ginger.

On the night of January 15, went on Mr Murphy, Accused went to the hotel and told the girl that Ginger wanted to see her in King's Park. The girl said that she would not go and that in any case she was too busy. She then went back to her work, leaving Accused at the entrance.

**Waited Outside Hotel**  
At 11 p.m. she finished her work and was about to leave the hotel when she noticed Accused still standing at the door. Thereupon she remained at the hotel, waiting for Accused to go away. About three-quarters of an hour later Accused went in and again asked her to go with him to see Ginger. She then agreed and together they went to Gascoigne Road but failed to find Ginger there.

They then went to Chatham Road, near the football ground, where Accused told her Ginger was hiding. The football ground was some little distance below the level of the road, and Accused asked her to go down. The girl demurred whereupon Accused pushed her and she fell on the ground. While she was thus lying, Accused seized her and assaulted her indecently. She called out for help and Accused thereupon told her to keep quiet, at the same time threatening to kick her if she did not do so.

The girl, however, continued to resist and Accused then picked her up and carried her over a nullah to a fence bordering the football ground. She again struggled and Accused once more threatened her with violence if she did not keep still. He also took out a handkerchief with which he tied round her face in order to gag her. He then committed the offence, after which he ran away.

**Took Belt To Station**  
Subsequently, the girl went to the Water Police Station, bringing with her a soldier's belt which she alleged belonged to Accused. She arrived there at 3.45 a.m.

"If the story told by the girl," continued Mr Murphy, "is true, this means that at the very least she must have been with Accused at Chatham Road for over an hour. I mention this because it is the case for the defence that the girl accepted the intentions of the Accused, and that part of that time was spent by them in kissing and petting. The girl, however, insists that this is not so, and that the 'struggle' took place in spite of the fact that her injuries, which examined the same morning, were comparatively slight. Further, there is other evidence which bears out her story that there was a struggle. If the Accused used any force or even if, in fear of death, the girl yielded the Accused is guilty of rape."

**Hospital Examination**  
At the Police Station the girl made a report of what had happened and although that report is not evidence of the facts therein complained of, nor is it even corroboration, it does show that at that time she was acting in a manner completely consistent with her present story."

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## HEROIC INDIANS IN ERITREA

### Individual Deeds

NEW DELHI, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Reports of many individual acts of heroism by Indian troops in the Eritrean campaign have now reached India.

One Indian commissioned officer led his men over ground swept by machine-gun fire at Gogni and gained a steep ridge. The party withstood several enemy counter-attacks in strength, but was at last forced to vacate its position. Although he was wounded, the officer led all his men back to safety.

During the same action, an Indian stretcher bearer, who was bringing back a wounded Sepoy, was almost surrounded by the enemy. He seized the Sepoy's rifle, beat off the enemy and brought back the Sepoy.

### Against Odds

In another case a machine-gunner kept firing his gun in the face of overwhelming odds, inflicting many casualties until he was killed by bombs. After the enemy was driven off, his body was found beside the gun, his finger still on the trigger.

Great gallantry was shown by a young Punjabi Sepoy, who went with a small party through a hail of fire and destroyed an enemy machine-gun post. He bent off a counter-attack by setting his gun near a disabled enemy machine-gun. Later he leapt onto a parapet and cheered his comrades on. Although wounded in both legs, he refused to be carried and walked to the dressing station.

The part played by Indian Sappers and miners in the engagements in Eritrea is specially noteworthy. Between January 23 and February 2, they removed no fewer than 575 mines and also attended to blown-up bridges near Alamale.

About 100 mines were removed from the Barentu defences alone.

### Excellent Co-operation

The operations were notable for the excellent co-operation between the British and Indian troops. The Punjabis and a British battalion shared the honours in an attack on a ridge across the Acote Road on February 25. The Punjabis made a fierce assault and gained the objective. They were subjected to a counter-attack and were forced to withdraw but later they renewed the attack and took the ridge.

The Punjabi and other Frontier force battalions took part in the capture of Alamale.

After negotiating rough country they launched a frontal attack accompanied by a flanking movement. Alamale fell and yet more prisoners and war material were captured.

## Turkish Envoy For Shanghai

His Excellency the Turkish Minister to China, M. E. A. Sipahi, who is visiting Hongkong after a trip to Chungking, will return to the Legation in Shanghai by the President Pierce to-morrow morning.

The Turkish Minister, who has been staying at Repulse Bay Hotel will be accompanied by Dr. H. Nizamettin Erenel, First Secretary to the Turkish Legation in Shanghai.

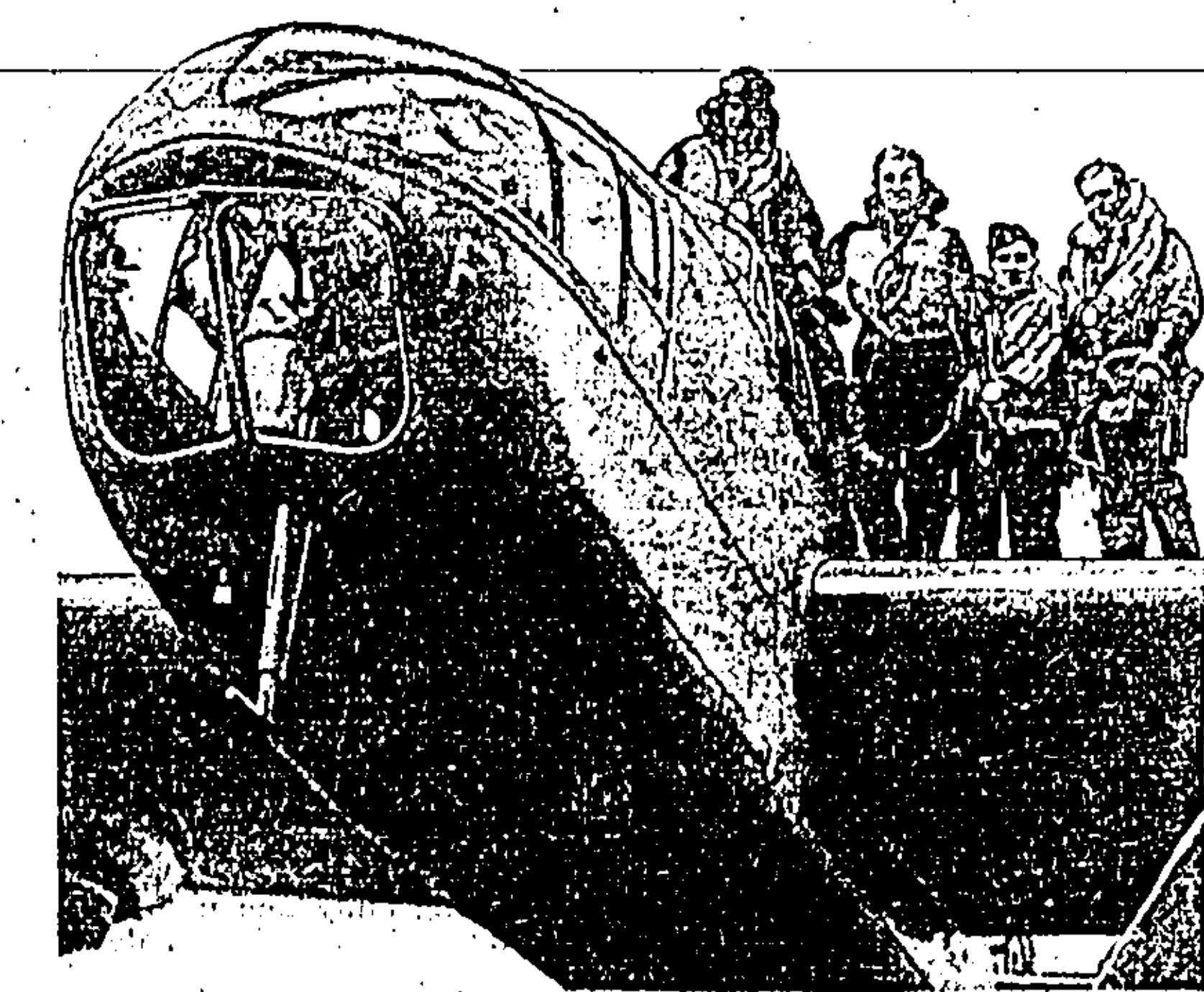
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Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:—Business recorded during the morning was only meagre.

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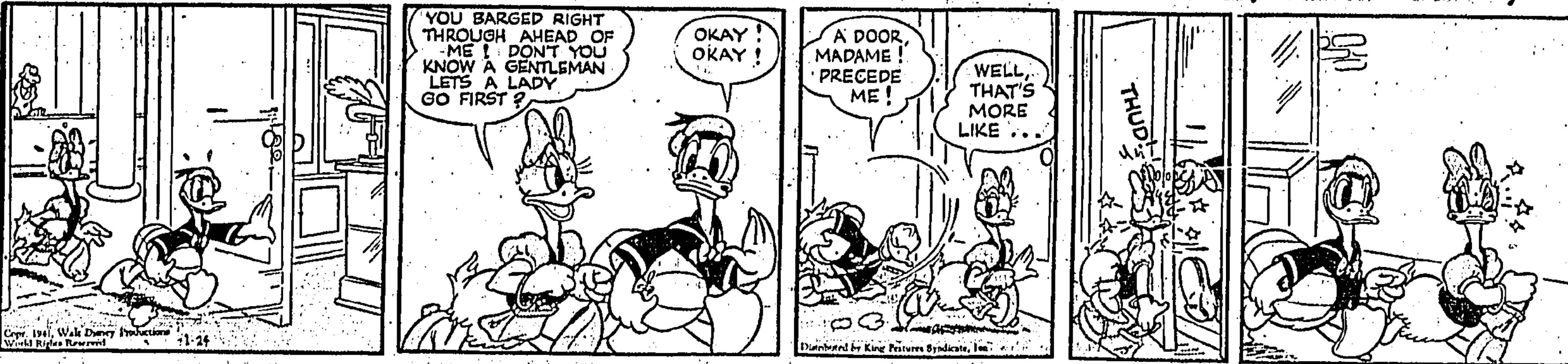
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## Japanese Withdrawals From Central China May Be Ruse

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Chinese authorities are of the opinion that despite the withdrawal of a few Japanese troops from Central China, Japan is still anxious to settle the China campaign before the large-scale southward push. They said that the rumour of the evacuation of four provinces in Central China for the southward push was probably a smokescreen for an offensive somewhere else in Free China in view of the present concentration of mountain climbing units in French Tonkin.

### Kwonghoi Occupied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CANTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Land-ling at Kwonghoi, a port about 60 miles west of Macao on the southern coast of Kwangtung Province, Japanese Army forces have occupied the outskirts of the city while the main body pushed north and took Tushan-hu, eight miles north of Kwonghoi. On the evening of March 3, Japanese forces captured Tushan, a town 20 miles north of Kwonghoi on the west bank of the West River.

### Hoppo Under Control

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PAKHOI, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Hoppo, about 20 miles north of Pakhoi, was placed under Japanese military control on Monday afternoon. The promontory south of Pakhoi has also been occupied by Japanese forces.

### Epochal Achievement

CANTON, Mar. 5 (Domel).—Colonel Sakuma, Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to South China, has issued the following statement: "The present operations, in which surprise landings were effected at numerous points while still maintaining close communication along a 440-kilometre coastline, resulted in the capture of an important transport route to Chungking and constitutes an epochal achievement unprecedented on the annals of war. Furthermore, the Hongkong-Shao-kwin route, the latest of Chungking's transportation avenues, has also been closed resulting in the seizure of large supplies of war materials and inflicting a further heavy blow upon Chungking. "With all transportation avenues closed, the American loan becomes of little consequence for with Chungking's exports and imports completely cut off the doom of that regime is sealed."

## Goebbels Must Have Told A Fib! Athenia Sinking Cat Out Of Bag

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss "Gazette de Lausanne" to-day makes the unexpected announcement that it was a German submarine which sank the Athenia at the beginning of the war. When the Athenia was sunk in the neighbourhood of the British Isles, the reaction in the United States to this event was awaited with some nervousness. Nothing happened. The torpedoing was the work of a German submarine and was one of those clumsy acts which the Third Reich has been careful to avoid ever since.

### Mr Churchill Blamed

German propaganda then caused it to be understood that the sole responsibility for the catastrophe was Mr Churchill. The reason was that Germany was not then disposed to announce declarations of war as was the case in the last war, and though well aware of the sympathy for Britain on the part of the governing classes in the United States, the Germans were not anxious to fan the flame.

## Shipping Facilities For Sweden

### British Acquisecence

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—An agreement has been reached between Britain and Sweden whereby five Swedish ships from overseas ports will be able to sail for Gothenburg, every month. Announcing this, the Ministry of Economic Warfare states that it is a condition of the arrangement that these ships shall not carry any German or German-controlled port and that for every vessel entering the Baltic, one must previously have left that area. Continuation of this traffic depends on the vessels concerned not being interfered with by Germany.

## Husband's Mistake

Wrong Co-Respondent Named in New A.D.C. Show

When Sarah Bendish left her husband eight years ago, she wrote him a farewell note. But her handwriting was so difficult to read that it caused him to name the wrong man, Nicholas Flack, as co-respondent.

Nicholas Flack had been on his annual elephant slaying expedition at the time and William Bendish lost the case. As he did not know where to find his wife and learn the name of the true co-respondent, the matter was allowed to drop until William met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

He was making considerable progress in the conquest of the mature charms of Mrs Bell Mason when his wife suddenly reappeared. Since she



A. A. Milne

had left her husband, Sarah had become a very successful designer of hats in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple."

### Complications

The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple" into William Bendish's life led to a series of complications and difficult situations. His young, twin nephew and niece added to the complications while acting as his own co-respondent, in a precarious disguise and the village inn was not the least of the difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A. A. Milne, the famous "Punch" writer. The play, with Leonora Corbett as "Sarah Simple," A. R. Watmore as William Bendish, and Agnes Lauchlan as Mrs Bell Mason after receiving excellent notices from the critics in London had a long run at the Garrick Theatre.

The Hongkong A.D.C. are presenting the comedy at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21 and 22.

The booking is now open at Anderson's Music Co., Ice House Street.

## Darlan And Laval Friendly In Paris

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—Admiral Darlan and M. Laval dined in Paris, where the Vice-Premier is continuing his conversations with the French-German authorities in an effort to establish more active contacts with the occupation authorities. A Laval's wife has arrived at Chateaudun Castle by automobile from Paris and it is reported that Laval will join her in a few days for a quiet holiday in his estate 12 miles south of Vichy in the Auvergne mountains. He was to have accompanied her to-day but remained in Paris because of Admiral Darlan's luncheon invitation. Laval is at present taking no part in political activities.

## Rendel Ordered To Leave Bulgaria

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Mar. 5 (UP).—The British Minister, Mr George W. Rendel has been ordered back to London. He is going to Istanbul next Monday, or Tuesday at the latest with his entire staff.

Mr Rendel said he had left a meeting with the Bulgarian Premier, Professor Filoff, with the impression that Filoff was unduly confident of a German victory; however, he stated that Filoff had said practically nothing regarding the note after it had been presented.

He asserted that he had reminded Filoff that "Mussolini was also confident of a German victory but suffered severely as a result. Others may also suffer."

He disclosed that the British note was addressed to M. Popoff as Foreign Minister but was handed to Prof. Filoff because M. Popoff is ill.

### Blockade Imposed

LONDON, Mar. 5 (UP).—It is officially announced that effective immediately, Bulgaria is regarded as an enemy destination for contraband purposes and that all goods of Bulgarian origin or ownership are liable to seizure.

### Reasons For Break

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—In his note to Dr Bogdan Filoff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, Mr Rendel, the British Minister, is stated to have said that the British decision to sever relations with Bulgaria was prompted by two reasons, namely Bulgaria's adherence to the Tripartite Pact and the disappearance of M. Grenovitch, an employee of the British Legation in Sofia, who mysteriously disappeared while en route for Turkey.

## British Note To Bulgaria

### Active Co-Operation With Nazis Alleged

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The British Government has come to the conclusion that the Bulgarian Government, so far from desiring to maintain neutrality in the present conflict, is now prepared actively to co-operate with Germany, states the note presented by the British Minister to Bulgaria in regard to the presence of German troops in Bulgaria.

The note adds that it is a matter of indifference to the British Government what steps Bulgaria may think fit to take for the protection of the country against external danger, real or imaginary, but "Britain is at war with Germany and the presence, in ever-increasing force, of German troops on Bulgarian territory, combined with the growing subservience of the Bulgarian Government to German policy, is in the opinion of the British Government incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria."

### False Reason

Alluding to the Bulgarian Premier's statement, the note says that the British Government is unaware that the peace and tranquillity of Bulgaria has ever been threatened or disturbed by any Power which is not a party to the Tripartite Pact and they consider the pretext advanced by the German Government a specious one designed, in accordance with the usual German practice, to mask an ulterior aggressive aim.

From the nature of the German military movements in the Balkans, it is clear that Germany's intention is to menace and, if necessary, attack Britain's Ally, Greece.

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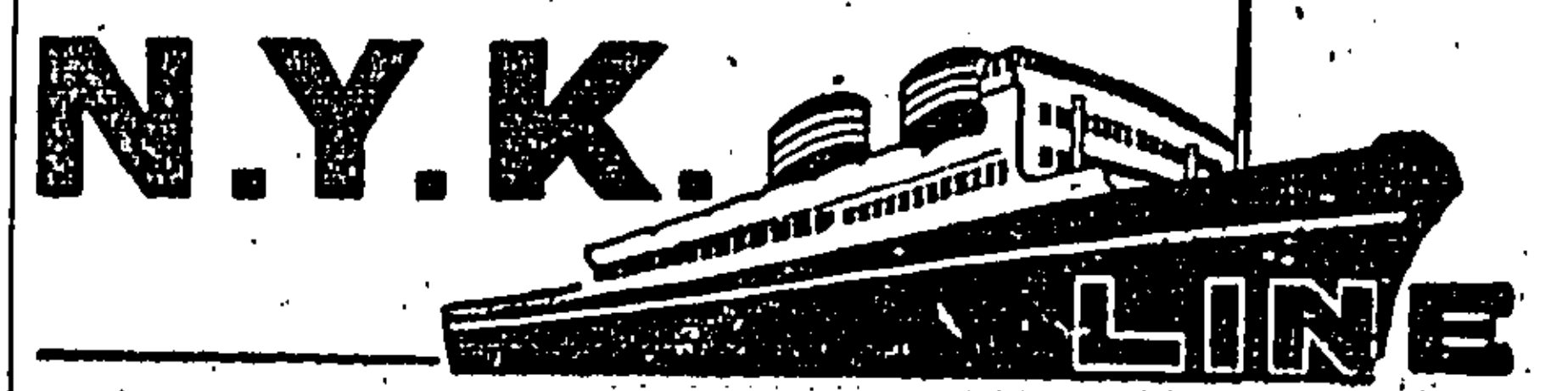


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## King Orders Prayers

### March 23 Set Aside

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mer and autumn; of the most heartening successes of the Fleet, Army and Air Force in the Mediterranean and North Africa; of the continued unity of our own people. "Although we dare not indulge in any boastful or easy self-confidence, for all these happenings we may well thank God and take courage."

### Catholic Injunction

Cardinal Hinsley has called all Catholics to prayer on the same date, writing: "The times are critical, as perhaps never before in the history of the Church, and the position of our Holy Father is delicate or perhaps dangerous. Our petitions for him should be frequent and heartfelt. The Lord preserve him and give him life and suffer him not to fall into the hands of his enemies."



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## PREPAREDNESS IN H.K.

MR Matsuoaka has given Mr Churchill a new assurance that Japan has no intention of attacking British territory, which means that Japan has either abandoned her southward expansion project, or that the Japanese Foreign Minister doesn't mean exactly what he says. It would be nice to be able to accept the first alternative, but quite frankly the new and accelerated Japanese military and naval movements around the South China waters do not encourage this.

While Mr Matsuoaka is uttering bland assurances, a Japanese spokesman in Saigon is boasting of the huge quantities of arms and munitions which Japan is sending to Thailand; a new Japanese armed landing is made at Pakhoi; Japanese warships are reported to be steaming southwards; more transports with men and munitions are landed at Blas Bay. Perhaps this is merely an indulgence in "war games" to keep Japan's increasing overseas armies from becoming bored with inactivity, but such an explanation is too comfortable. The British Government has not sent thousands of Australian and Indian troops to Malaya simply to give them an opportunity of learning how to hack a path through dense jungles or to take a course in tropical botany; wherefore it must be assumed the British Government, despite Tokyo assurances, is prepared to believe that British territory in the Orient face a very real threat.

It behoves Hongkong, and especially its unwieldy Chinese population to shake itself into a state of preparedness. Yesterday the "Telegraph" suggested that the leaders of the Chinese community put their heads together in an endeavour to evolve a scheme for the evacuation, as soon as possible, of a goodly portion of the Colony's excess population; alternatively to give the fullest support to any such plan proposed by Government.

During last week-end it was announced that the authorities aimed at settling several thousands of Chinese from Hongkong's congested areas on Lantau Island and Port Shelter, and if regarded only as a defence measure, this has much to commend. Every encouragement is promised by the authorities to those willing to take advantage of the scheme, but Chinese reaction has not yet manifested itself. Recognising the urgency of the problem, Chinese community leaders are here presented with a fine opportunity of practical assistance by appealing, both through public speeches and through the Chinese press, for a quick and willing response. The scheme may not be ideal, but it possesses advantageous features, and at the lowest can be described as a bold method of partly solving a very pressing problem. Lack of support for it can only be justified by suggesting an alternative. The big point the Chinese community must remember is that something has to be done in the matter.

## The Rt. Hon. HUGH DALTON,

Minister of Economic Warfare, in an interview  
with Maurice Webb, answers the question . . .

CAN we expect positive and decisive results from the economic blockade of the enemy before this year is out?

This is the question I took round to the Ministry of Economic Warfare. I put it, with many supplementaries, before some of the experts there.

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Let me give you at once the conclusions I formed after hearing the confident, fact-supported answers I got from him.

1. By the end of 1941 the blockade of certain essential raw materials will seriously affect the quality, and to some extent the volume of enemy production.

2. Long before the end of the year—probably in the summer—the strain on enemy oil resources will be acute.

3. Before next winter our increasing disturbance of Germany's industrial and transport system will have caused a grave distributional crisis.

I submit those conclusions, not as optimistic prophecies, but as a considered and realistic assessment of coming events.

## Summing It Up

Not all the answers I was given can be published. For obvious reasons much of the background to the blockade must remain secret.

But in support of the above affirmations about this riddle of 1941, let me give you some of Mr Dalton's statements to me.

I put to him my first general query about the prospects of the blockade in 1941. This was his reply:

"I cannot volunteer a definite estimate of the probable results of the blockade in a given time in ignorance of other factors outside my control. Blockade does not work in a vacuum.

"It cannot win the war alone. "Blockade is the permanent background against which military action is set. Until we know the probable scale of military operations, it is impossible to predict the extent to which blockade will affect the enemy's war effort."

"Allowing for these other factors," I asked, "how far will blockade eventually decide the issue of victory or defeat for Hitler?"

The Minister's answer showed his anxiety to set his picture in proper perspective:

"We do not underestimate Germany's superior war preparedness, nor discount her vast accumulated stocks of war material.

## Unwise To Prophesy

"My own view is," said Mr Dalton, "that we should expect a long rather than a short war. It would be unwise to prophesy that we shall assume complete command or bring German production to a standstill in 1941.

"But I can say this. Blockade will seriously affect the quality of German war production, and will also substantially interfere with its distribution—in itself a vital consideration."

I asked for an illustration of this possibility.

"Well, here is an example," was the reply. "By cutting off supplies of nickel and other steel-hardening alloys, as we are doing very effectively, the quality of the Nazis' guns, tanks and other weapons will suffer.

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"This, because they will be driven to other devices by no means so satisfactory, will add to the disorganisation of their distributive system.

"The goods they produce, even those of inferior quality, because of the added strain on transport, will fail to reach the place where they are wanted."

"This all-round interference with Hitler's war machine will open up the way to offensive assault in other fields," I suggested.

Striding up and down his room—with as much vigour as if he were bustling his way across his favourite Wiltshire Downs—the Minister for Economic Warfare indicated his complete agreement with this proposition.

"Exactly," he said. "The blockade is a vital and essential weapon. If we just sit back and wait until we have accumulated enough strength to take the military offensive against Hitler we shall wait in vain.

"We must strike hammer blows at the enemy's most vulnerable point. That point is the core of his vast but not too securely established production machine.

"We have been striking such blows for months past. We shall continue to do so with mounting effect.

"Blockade creates the vulnerable points, bombs attack them.

"Bombs, you might say, are the most direct form of economic warfare.

"And the results of this combined assault at no very distant date will be seen, either in reckless attempts by Hitler to force an early issue or in a growing loss of his striking power."

## Ersatz Basis

"You must remember," he went on, "that the whole basis of the Nazi war organisation is artificial, or 'Ersatz'."

"They have built up a huge but complicated organism which is highly brittle. Weakness or dislocation at any one point inevitably retards the operation of every part of that organism.

"And a breakdown, with serious effects on Germany's military strength, is a far from remote consequence of the all-round pressure we are steadily exerting."

Here the Minister resumed his seat and allowed me to make a few points.

These amounted to this question: "How has the blockade been affected by the enemy's victories in the summer?"

## Using Up The Loot

"Hitler's problems of organisation, supply and administration have been vastly extended and complicated by his military conquests," was the reply.

"He obtained much loot, which is quickly being used up. When it has gone he has millions more consumers to support.

"They want what Germany wants—rubber, oil, textiles, copper, tin and fats."

I put in a reminder of the Nazi boast that Europe under

their control can be made self-supporting. "What have you to say to that?" I asked.

"It might be made so if they were left free to develop their synthetic processes, turn their transport systems upside down, and given a few years to accomplish a complete economic revolution.

"But the time and freedom of operation they want is just what we are not giving them."

"We work in close accord with the RAF. Their bombing plans are directed to the points where we have good reason for thinking that the maximum industrial and transport dislocation will follow.

"And so complicated is this artificial system on which Hitler relies to utilise the general return of Europe that our destruction of one point radiates far-reaching waves of disturbance right across the Continent."

Here I raised the question of Hitler's "Ersatz system" to which the Minister had referred. "Can you explain that more precisely?" I inquired.

"Well, here is an example. Transport is a major weakness for the Nazis," Mr Dalton replied. "The state the grounds for my optimism in natural way into Germany is from the Western ports. All the transport routes radiate from that region. Extraordinary delays and complications are caused by the attempt to use for war purposes the reverse route from the Eastern side."

I invited Mr Dalton to develop his point about "all-round pressure." "Is it sufficiently complete for your purposes?" I asked. "Are there no loopholes in your net?"

"I would not say the pressure was complete," he replied. "Some supplies will always find their way through any blockade, however skillfully devised. But I can say that the leaks are comparatively unimportant. We are not working in the dark. We have a pretty good idea from various sources of the supplies reaching enemy and enemy-controlled territory."

## Far East Route

"What about supplies from Russia and the Far East?" was my next query.

"I suppose you have in mind the old Viadrivostok problem," the Minister retorted. "Well, you need not worry much on that score. There are vast transport problems to be faced before goods in any quantity can get through from that area or the Far East. What is passing through is a mere trickle. And we keep a sharp eye even on that trickle."

"I must confess that the amount of cotton passing by this route is one of our present problems, and will be dealt with."

"Transport problems," I suggested, "seem to be altogether a major source of Nazi headaches?"

"Quite right. They are all part of the 'distributional crisis' I spoke of earlier. Long before the war Germany's railways were feeling the strain of the unnatural burden to which they were subjected.

"This burden is now intensified tenfold. Just think of the pre-war volume of imports by sea to Germany alone—to say nothing of the occupied territories."

"Of that volume a great deal is cut off, without redress, by our sea blockade, but all the rest is thrown on to the railways of Europe."

"Germany may steal rolling stock from her victims, cut down passenger services or less, but the problem remains, and we expect to see some interesting results in this field in 1941.

"Take the distribution of coal, for example. On paper Germany has plenty of coal. And yet recent evidence shows that in many places the situation is serious."

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"There is one answer. Transport. Coal is desperately needed to maintain German exports—by rail again—and to feed her expensive 'Ersatz' industries. But coal is a bulky thing to transport."

"Road transport, apart from its inability to replace bulk transport by rail, devours precious petrol and oil."

## Facts For Germany

By this time our Economic Warfare Chief was in full stride across the room again.

I got him back to his chair and studied reflection by this straight query:

"What are the real facts about the essential supplies available to Hitler in Europe?"

This was his answer: "I don't want to exaggerate Germany's shortages."

"But pre-war stocks and loot from the occupied territories are being used up, and in the area under German control there is a natural deficiency of rubber, oil, cotton, copper, and certain ferro-alloys for hardening steel."

"Iron ore, however, Germany has access to in abundance. She has no lack of bauxite, from which aluminium is made, and to replace copper in non-vital places, is made."

"Both these commodities have been made available by her recent conquests, and confer an advantage which should not be underestimated."

## Key Commodity

But what of oil, the key commodity of modern war?

When I brought this question up I reminded the Minister that he was being criticised for over-optimism on this score.

He gave one of his high-explosive laughs.

"I know," he said, "but let me state the grounds for my optimism in their least sensational aspect."

"Total peacetime consumption of oil in Continental Europe west of the Soviet is something like 25 million tons. Of this Germany and Italy normally used nearly 11 million tons. The maximum figure for European oil production, including a high estimate of synthetic production, is assuming 'all of Rumania' output of over six millions is available, only amounts to around 11 million tons."

"That leaves a gap of 14 million tons between consumption and production, even supposing Germany can hold off all existing European supplies."

## Oil Gap

"With the most drastic restrictions on non-military consumption, and allowing for the accumulation of vast prewar stocks, that gap is too wide to be comfortable for a nation engaged in modern mechanised warfare! Everything said of the distribution and transport problem in respect of coal can be applied to oil—only more so."

"Rumania's oil used to be transported chiefly by sea. Now no oil can reach Hitler by sea, and while we control the Eastern Mediterranean, Germany must depend on congested rail and river transport from Rumania."

"I do not think Germany will actually be able to transport much more than half Rumania's total output. And don't forget we are bombing synthetic oil plants, refineries and vital rail centres incessantly."

## The Real Key

"There I think you have the real key to your riddle of 1941."

"Our economic assault is certain to be positive—very apparently positive. I think decisive is too big a word for 1941. But blockade will prove at least as decisive as it did in the last war."

My final question to Mr Dalton was to confront him with the conclusions enumerated at the beginning of this article. "Would you say they were far wrong?" I asked.

He replied: "You are in danger of being charged with me as an optimist, but I think your conclusions are near the mark."

## TO-MORROW:

W. N. EWER  
will write on the position of Europe's remaining neutrals and what may happen to them in the coming year.



# REVIEW OF ALLIED FIGHTING AND MERCANTILE FLEETS IN COMMONS

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Herculean task of the British Fleet in modern conditions—performing the task of the five fleets in the last war—was outlined by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons to-day.

The House was debating the token estimate for the Fleet, but Mr. Alexander declared: "The British Fleet itself is no token fleet nor are our ships phantom ships, though they may be a nightmare to our enemies."

Hence said Mr. Alexander, he had no hesitation in asking for "many more ships, very good ships, greater numbers of men, very fine men, and great quantities of stores of the most substantial kind."

The task of the Fleet had been magnified by the collapse of France which had altered the whole fabric of British strategy. The collapse of France gave the Germans now a naval ally in Italy numerically stronger at sea than the Germans themselves. It did more than turn Mussolini into an accomplice to a pirate—it gave the pirate himself new lairs whence to sail forth.

When the threat first loomed up, the Navy had just completed a vast series of operations from the mist-shrouded cliffs of Narvik to the sun-bathed beaches of St. Jean de Luz, of which history has probably never seen a parallel.

**Dunkirk Losses**  
The Navy bore its part with the Merchant Navy and civilian volunteers in extricating hundreds of thousands of our troops from Norway and France. It was not a task for which our ships were expected and accepted, especially in damage to destroyers. By skill, seamanship and devotion to duty, the Navy deprived the enemy of anything like the toll that he had confidently anticipated, but the Navy was seriously depleted at the very moment when the whole problem had become more complex with the exit of France and the entry of Italy.

By swinging strides, however, we have immeasurably improved our position. With forces initially much inferior, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham and Vice-Admiral Sir James Somerville not only kept the Italian fleet cooped in the Mediterranean but neutralised it even in waters which Italy specially claimed as hers. In every encounter, our crew had shown such superiority that units of the Italian Navy scarcely venture to dispute even the waters around their bases.

**Winter Gales**  
During winter gales, British convoy escort forces paid the price of all navies whose tradition is to keep the seas regardless of weather if there was duty to be done.

Enemy communique claims would seem to show that we had lost roughly twice the number of capital ships, aircraft carriers and cruisers with which we entered the war and more than all the submarines (Laughter).

In fact the daily work of the Fleet and such outstanding achievements as those of the Ark Royal, which had many times answered the German

questions concerning her whereabouts, proved that the great body of the Fleet of August, 1939, remained intact.

Mr. Alexander would say to the German Navy: "We are quite prepared to take you on with only the ships which you profess to have sunk."

**Coming Into Service**  
The number of ships in most classes, especially the destroyer class, now at sea or instantly ready for the sea is greater than at any time since the war began.

The ships coming into service this year will of themselves make up a formidable force, judged by almost any other naval Power's standards.

Even in the face of enemy bombing, the efforts of the workers in shipyards and the untiring persistence and skill of the managements have maintained naval production in a remarkable manner. Our long-term programme of construction is maturing and a high output of short-term construction has been reached. It may not be appreciated how frequently our ships, though not designed for the role of bombing artillery, have carried the war into enemy ports as well as carrying out incessant bombardments in support of the Army in Libya.

**Fleet Air Arm**  
The Fleet Air Arm has also become a notable weapon of offence. In the present war, it has destroyed one enemy battleship, one cruiser, three destroyers, four submarines, four other naval vessels and 15 supply ships in addition to damaging at least two battleships, two cruisers, four destroyers, four miscellaneous craft and 20 transport or supply ships.

In addition to disturbing the enemy's possession of his own coastal routes, British submarines have destroyed something like 100 enemy warships and supply ships.

After a tribute to the Navy's assiduous and successful clearing of mines which are constantly being sown in many waters, Mr. Alexander said that the Navy's qualities of resource were exemplified by Admiral Cunningham's recent operations against the Italians.

**In Mediterranean**  
With limited forces, Admiral Cunningham's staff had to provide movement of supplies to Greece, Malta and the main bases in Egypt. In addition, they had to dovetail into their offensive operations against the enemy flank in Libya the business of a veritable world transport agency in carrying troops and stores to newly-conquered beaches and harbours, transporting great crowds of

Italian prisoners and even pumping water ashore to the thirsty troops.

**Shipping Losses**  
Up to May, 1940, losses of British, Allied and neutral ships from enemy action averaged 40,000 tons a week. The next seven months remained substantially at an average just under 30,000 tons. During the last 11 weeks, losses averaged about 51,000 tons.

The First Lord did not attribute the diminution entirely to the improved measures of protection, but thought that they were justified in counting them as at least one certain reason among other possibilities.

"We must expect the enemy to make heavy attacks and we may receive grievous blows. The enemy has used every conceivable means to attack us in this vital spot—turfing mines, powerful raiders, aircraft, U-boats and submarines."

**Our Defences Growing**  
Counter-measures to long-range aircraft attacks are being developed, said Mr. Alexander, though he would not reveal their nature.

As our resources grow, so will the raider's opportunities become fewer. As for U-boat attacks, expansion of aerial reconnaissance will become progressively more difficult for the enemy to avoid while the R.A.F. will continue to dislocate the organisation of U-boat patrols by attacks upon their bases.

At sea an increased number of escorts will enable us to provide greater protection for convoys and to these advantages will be added improvements in anti-submarine tactics.

Meantime we continue to inflict losses upon the enemy's submarines. To give the German Naval Staff their due, they change U-boat tactics when they become too costly and new tactics demand changes in our own measures which take time to perfect.

**Armed Merchantmen**  
The defensive arming of merchant ships has been justified by the timely use of guns, which have enabled merchant seamen to preserve themselves and turn the tables on the enemy.

The claims of enemy official communique about merchant tonnage sunk amount to double our actual losses, though some of these losses cannot be known to the Germans.

New ships are delivered from British yards plus those abroad, and the volume of captured enemy ships now in our service has replaced more than two-thirds the tonnage of British ships lost by enemy action.

In addition we have the advantage of chartering ships of states overrun by the enemy. On the other hand, the enemy has lost over 2,000,000 tons sunk, captured or scuttled and over 1,000,000 tons are lying useless in neutral harbours.

**Million Tons Salvaged**  
Thanks to Admiralty salvage organisation, the total tonnage rescued and saved up to the end of last year was over 1,000,000 tons.

Of the 50 destroyers which the United States transferred to us, some have already delivered attacks on enemy submarines and others, in the course of their escort duties, have shared in the rescue of victims of enemy attacks.

The peoples of the British Commonwealth have given unstintingly port in the war at sea. Canadian destroyers have taken a share of the destroyers' task of protecting seaborne trade across the Atlantic.

Australian cruisers and destroyers, and New Zealand cruisers have participated with great distinction and success in the operations in the Mediterranean and the Middle East and the protection of important convoys.

South Africa naval units are also making a very welcome contribution in the Mediterranean and the small but highly efficient Royal Indian Navy is doing valuable work in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

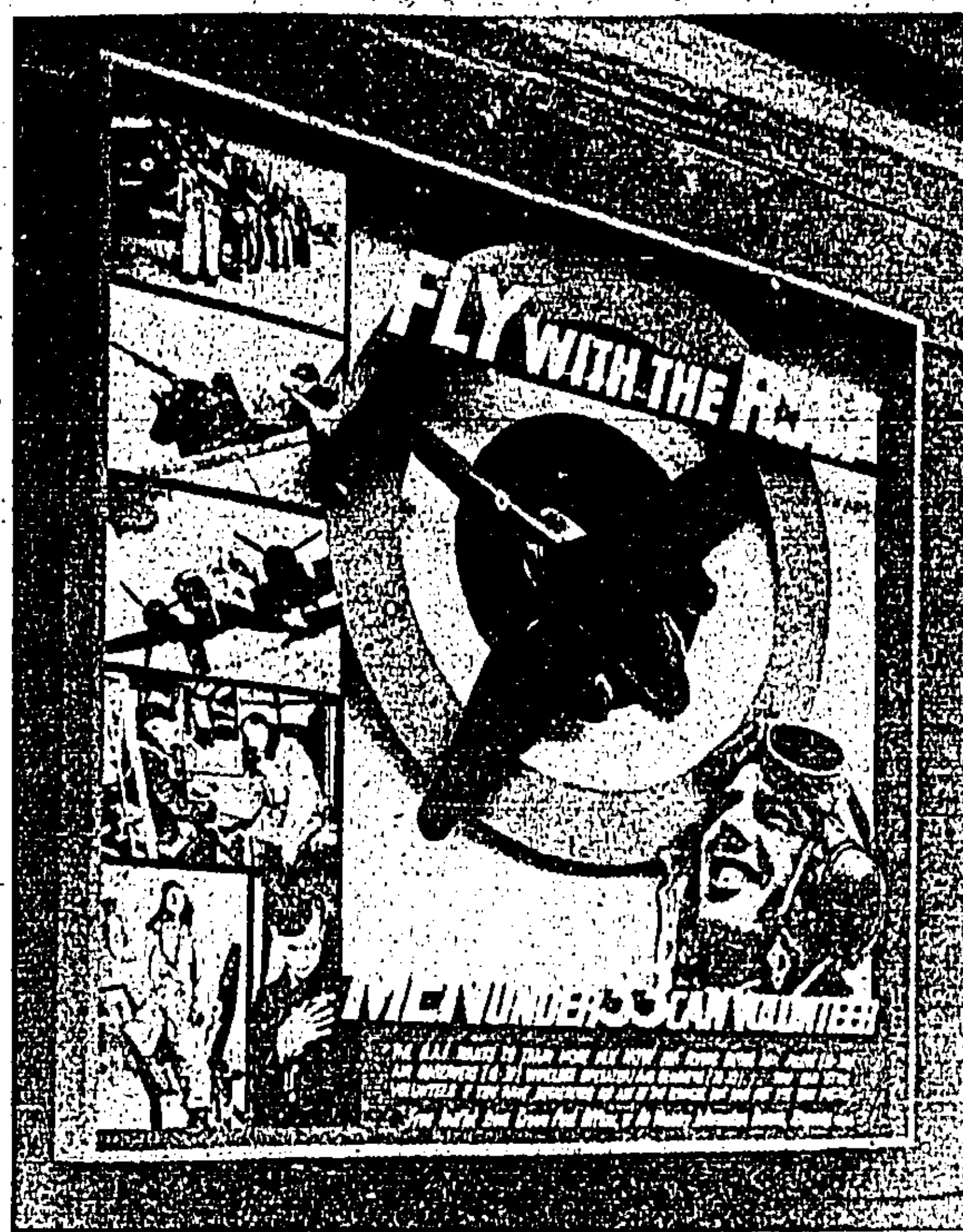
**Allied Navies**  
Mr. Alexander did not betry the strengths of the naval contingents of Free France, Poland, Holland and Norway but they are most useful reinforcements and are steadily expanding, he said.

The Belgians, having no vessels of their own, have come forward to help man the other ships and he was glad to say that there is now a Belgian section of the Royal Navy.

In conclusion, Mr. Alexander specially paid tribute to the "gallant fight of the small but heroic and efficient Greek Navy."

## Execution Of Hardy Nords

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Stating that the sentences are revolting and can only evoke feelings of disgust and aversion, the Swedish newspaper "Socialdemokraten" reports, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency, the execution at the beginning of February of three Norwegians, condemned to death by the German Military court at Bergen for espionage. The charge was one of maintaining a secret wireless transmitter and sending information about German military dispositions. It is feared that a similar fate awaits all Norwegians who were recently sentenced on a similar charge at Haugesund where a further 13 or 14 Norwegians are awaiting trial.



Novel are the methods which have been evolved to board up shop windows which have been blown in by bombs in London and other cities. Perhaps one of the most striking efforts is the one illustrated here in which an attractive appeal for R.A.F. volunteers fills what was once a glass window.

## Britons Warned To Leave Yugo-Slavia

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The British Consulate in Belgrade has addressed a circular to all Britons in Yugo-Slavia advising those who are not kept on urgent business to leave the country, according to dispatches to the official French agency.

Most women members of the staff of the British Legation and the Consulate in Belgrade and families of the Legation staff are already preparing to leave.

Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Yugo-Slavia, returned to Belgrade yesterday from Athens where he went to see Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary.

## Asian War's Link With Europe

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The inextricable connection of the Sino-Japanese war with the European war was the subject of an illuminating lecture to the Royal Central Asian Society by Mr. H. D. Liem, the London correspondent of the "Central News" agency of China.

Like the Germans, he said, the Japanese preached that they were the "Herrenvolk" of Asia. The technique of the two nations was exactly similar. Having selected a victim for absorption, they modelled him by increasing resistance and rebellion when they denounced him as guilty of provocation and annihilated him on the pretext of self-defence.

**Danger To Burma**  
Mr. Liem stressed the danger to Burma of the Japanese designs on Indo-China and Thailand, and the importance not only of the strong reinforcements to Malaya but of the Dutch East Indies' resolute resistance to Japan's obviously political demands.

Japan, said Mr. Liem, was already suffering acute privation in many essentials and could not risk further aggressive adventures which would inevitably involve war with Britain and America if she were boldly faced.

His references to China's gallant resistance and her unequalled importance in exercising a check on Japan were warmly applauded.

## Aid Britain Bill

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The Senate approved of an amendment terminating the operation of the Aid to Britain Bill on July 1, 1943, or earlier, if approved by the majority of both Houses.

## Japanese Shipping Losses In War

CHUNGKING, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Naval Headquarters of the Chinese National Military Council yesterday announced that 192 Japanese ships had been sunk and 188 damaged by Chinese shore batteries and river mines up to the end of 1940. The vessels sunk include 27 medium-sized warships and 26 transports.

The damage done to Japanese shipping is estimated at nearly \$200,000,000.

## Canberra-Tokyo Relations

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Commenting on the recent speech of Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, a Government spokesman said: "This time I think Australia is being very fair. Until now they have discussed problems with Japan only from a local viewpoint. Now Mr. Menzies has indicated a readiness to approach matters from a more realistic point of view."

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# "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

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### Hongkong XI

THE HONGKONG team is: Goal-keeper—V. M. Benwell. Backs—V. O. Bond and J. Gonsalves. Halves—R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley. Forwards—Karminder Singh, Gurbachan Singh, B. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown. Reserves—A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, E. Fowler and D. Smith.

### Army Rugby League

#### R. Artillery Tounce M'sex 22-6

TWO FIXTURES in the Army Rugby League were played at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Artillery touncing a weak Middlesex side 22-6, and Royal Engineers ousting the Royal Scots 3-0 after a most gruelling match.

Suppers scored in the first half through Sheldrake in the corner. Just before the half-time whistle Suppers were penalised inside their "25" line but Miller's kick failed.

In the second period, R. Scots attacked with a vengeance and were on several occasions within an ace of scoring. Just before the end, Suppers were penalised again, this time almost on their line, but again Miller failed.

#### Gunnery Superior

GUNNERS were far too superior for Middlesex. They led 8-3 at half-time, but it was Middlesex who took the lead when Freshwater kicked a fine penalty goal from 35 yards on the touchline. But Gunnery were not long in replying—Marsh went over and Keeble added the points.

Marsh added three more points before the interval when he went over in the corner. The kick failed.

The second half saw Gunnery dominating play. Richards paved the way for Marsh to score again, the kick failing. Richards and Eddison added further unconverted tries, and finally Middlesex, through Freshwater, scored their second unconverted try.

The last goal of all for Gunnery, which was converted by Keeble, was the result of an excellent passing movement that culminated in Richards crossing the line near the posts.

#### Association Team For Governor's Cup

The following will represent Hongkong Football Association in the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the second match for the Governor's Cup at Causeway Bay at 3.30 p.m. on March 16:

Dankler (Scots); Roughley (Navy); Fraser (Scots) (Capt); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); Thomas (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrier (Police); Herten (Club).

Reserves—Lapeley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Fong (Police); Barber (Navy); Hotack (Scots); Buechan (Middlesex); Hendy (Navy); Manager, Capt. R. E. Guest (Middlesex).

## Problem Of Defence: Full-backs Vulnerable But Halves Sound

ALL IS IN READINESS for the big match between Hongkong and Macao to be played at Macao next Sunday. Hongkong will embark on its eighth Interport fixture having won three, drawn two and lost two.

With anything like good weather hopes run high for a large attendance, for the Colony team is always a great attraction in the Portuguese port.

In our team there are four new "caps", and these are R. Marques (Recreio), Karminder Singh (Khalsa), B. Gosano (Recreio) and H. L. Ozorio (Recreio).

I need not say that there is a feeling in some circles that our backs are none too strong, and it is to be hoped that they will face up to the Portuguese forwards.

Here, in my view, is where we may be found the weak spot of our defence. But one can only trust that Bond and Gonsalves will rise to the occasion.

Benwell, our goalkeeper, has been none too brilliant of late. The Club and Y.M.C.A. man has his days, and let us hope that one of those days will be next Sunday.

#### Sound Halves

WE have sound strength in our halves. R. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley may be expected to give a good account of themselves. They will know the Portuguese forward play and will not be anything like the form we have seen of late. He will prove a rare stumbling block to the opposing left flank.

He is a grand tackler and worker, and I congratulate him on a success so long deferred.

We all know what Reed has done in the centre during the past—he needs no further introduction.

On comparative form I would have preferred Tony Alves at left-half to Whitley, but the Selectors have made their decision, and Norman, last year, gave a good account of himself alongside Reed, and in the circumstances it is sound policy.

It is a common truism that the "brains" of the attack is usually in the halves. One must stand or fall on that elementary fact, and here is shown our greatest strength.

#### Fair Attack

IN comparison to Macao's attack, which was seen against Recreio a week ago, the Colony forwards may be termed "fair." Karminder Singh and Gurbachan Singh, the Khalsa team-mates, form a useful right flank combination. The former is young and speedy and centres with great accuracy. The latter is a clever inside forward with good stick-work, and is a good shot.

They will have to bear the brunt of the Colony attack.

B. Gosano, the leader of the Colony attack, is a surprise selection, and it is not a highlight, is a hard-working centre-forward. His football sense and experience should serve him in good stead. Speed is his greatest asset.

H. L. Ozorio has shown good form in the trials and one hopes that he and Brown can make a blend on the left wing.

The non-appearance of E. Fowler, the C.B.A. and Club forward, is a surprise, as, with defence to the inside-left chosen, I regard him by far the speedier and more skilful player.

## DIFFICULT DUTIES OF A LEFT BACK Positioning To Advantage

THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION but that the position of a left back is far from being the easiest on the field, as he has often to tackle on the left side should there be no time to get around to the right.

### Championship Schedule For Next Week

FIRST MATCHES in the Colony Badminton Championships will be played next week, commencing on March 13 at King's College.

The programme arranged will be: March 13 at King's College. Men's Junior Singles—J. L. Anderson v. H. Wang-tob, 7 p.m.; P. A. Yanovich v. H. Dinesdale, 7.45.

Men's Senior Singles—S. Amplanavar v. P. K. Hoot, 8.20. Men's Junior Doubles—J. S. Young and M. K. Fung v. D. Chellish and K. H. Khoo, 8.15.

March 14 at Talkoo. Men's Senior Singles—C. Au v. H. C. Eardley, 8 p.m. Men's Junior Doubles—P. and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (8.45); H. M. Laville and M. A. Beltrao v. M. Talan and Ouel (9.00).

March 17 at King's College. Men's Junior Doubles—P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v. E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Botelho, 7 p.m.; C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. J. H. P. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves, 7.45. Men's Senior Doubles—B. T. Gosano v. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, 8.20.

March 18 at Recreio. Men's Junior Singles—J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, 7 p.m. Men's Junior Singles—J. M. Laville v. Peter Le, 7.45. T. S. Young v. J. Trang, 8.20.

March 20 at Talkoo. Men's Junior Singles—E. Zimmerman v. J. Hoot, 8 p.m. Men's Senior Doubles—K. W. Chay and K. B. Low v. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves, 8.20. Men's Junior Singles—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, 9.15.

Surprise, as, with defence to the inside-left chosen, I regard him by far the speedier and more skilful player.

#### Forward Weakness

SUCCESS or failure of the Colony in past years has depended on the ineffectiveness of the forward line. This year, in particular, without the aid of the Services, this has been the main weakness—the inability to obtain a combination that is eminently desirable in an Interport eleven.

Hongkong has only won one fixture on their home ground, and this they did when they beat Macao last year 2-1.

Playing on their home ground, Macao will be out to reverse that decision, though this has not occurred before. Should L. Costa and R. Rosario make the team, Macao will be almost assured of victory.

But our forward and backs may serve up a surprise. One only hopes

### Macao XI

MACAO fielding their strongest team will be represented by the following: Goal-keeper—C. C. Almada. Backs—R. Rosario and A. Bas-to.

Halves—J. Nolasco, Alex Alro-sa and J. Santos Ferreira. Forwards—P. Nolasco, Albert Alrosa, P. Angelo, L. Costa (captain) and R. Angelo. Reserves—J. Trigo Silva, Gustavo Silva, F. Ramalho and F. Rosario.

## Random Jottings

### Interport Omissions

THE INTERPORT TEAM has been chosen and the Selectors have done their job—but whether well or not is left to be seen. In the estimation of many, a stronger Colony side could have been fielded, but the deed has been done, and the Civilian representative, who has taken the full responsibility, will, in due course, take what is coming to him.

Since the Services were not included this year, it was obvious that the Army and Navy representatives took less interest in the selections, and it was necessary, therefore, that at least two other civilians be co-opted—but to my surprise this was not done. Instead, a present member of the team was only referred to for advice.

A burning question is why was Parker omitted from the team? He was one of the original 17 players chosen, but to have left him suddenly in the cold is bewildering. He should have, at least, been included as a reserve in preference to E. Fowler, who was not originally selected.

I sympathise with the former for the injustice done him, for in the trials he gave a very good account of himself. I think the Selector or Selectors owe him an apology.

At this stage it is useless crying over spilt milk—badly spilt—but would like the Selectors to bear in mind for the future that if a job of this nature is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

THE Interport records are as follows:

1934, H.K. drew at H.K. .... 1-1  
1935, H.K. won at Macao .... 3-1  
1936, H.K. lost at H.K. .... 0-1  
1937, H.K. won at Macao .... 1-0  
1938, H.K. lost at H.K. .... 0-1  
1939, H.K. drew at Macao .... 2-2  
1940, H.K. won at H.K. .... 2-1

From the above it will be observed that we have one victory to our credit.

ARRANGEMENTS for the trip to Macao are in the hands of Mr V. M. Benwell. Those interested are requested to get into direct communication with him.

Players are also reminded that the Interport team will meet at the Y.M.C.A. at 8.15 p.m. on Friday where a discussion will be held with regard to the team in general and the selection of the Captain.

The obvious choice is W. A. Reed, who is playing in his eighth Interport. This record has never been reached by any other player in the Colony.

The new captain, when nominated, will "tip" the team as to how our opponents should be defeated. This, by the way, is at the instigation of the Selectors.

THE Interport Reserves, A. E. P. Guest, A. M. Alves, E. Fowler and D. Smith are a very useful bunch, and in my estimation, three, at least, should have been in the team. But I have mentioned before that the "human element" must never be overlooked.

Should any of these players be called upon, I am positive they will accomplish what is required of them.

NO League fixtures were played during the week-end due to Volunteer Camps, but they will be resumed as usual next Sunday.

A MEETING of the Umpires Association will take place tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. at St Andrew's Church Hall. All interested are welcome.

### F.A. Meeting

The March monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 5.30 p.m. in the Association's office, when the draw for the Semi-final rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions will be made.

### Recreio Cricket XI

The following will represent Recreio Juniors against H.M.S. Tamara in a friendly Cricket match on Saturday at King's Park: E. A. R. Alves (Capt), A. E. Noronha, H. A. Barros, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Botelho, J. A. Soares, A. H. Remedios, L. J. Remedios, F. J. Remedios, A. A. Lopes and A. J. M. Frata.

that these players will play up to form and show that the confidence of the Selectors has not been misplaced. The human element, of course, must not be overlooked. I will fully report the Interport match next week.

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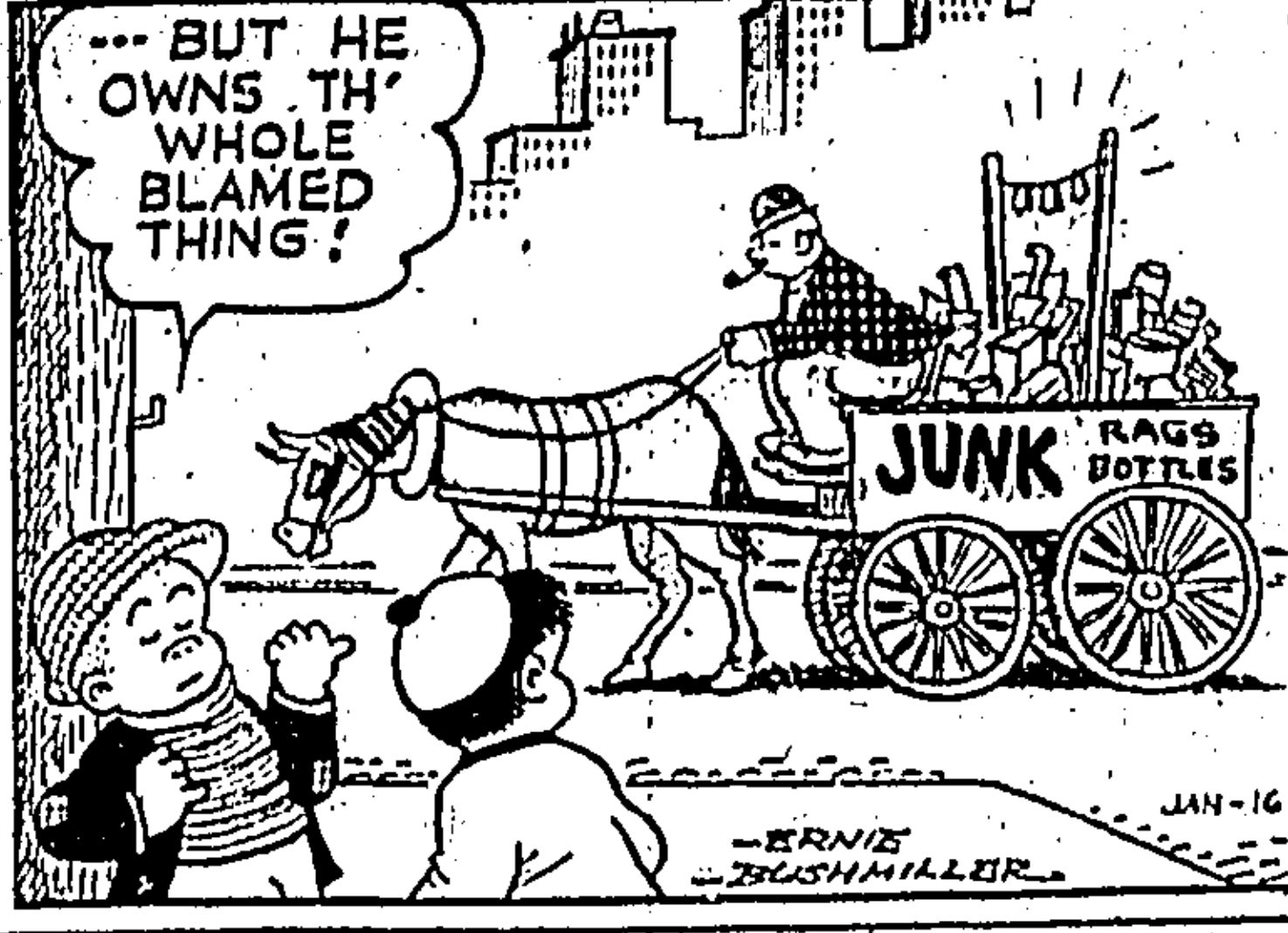
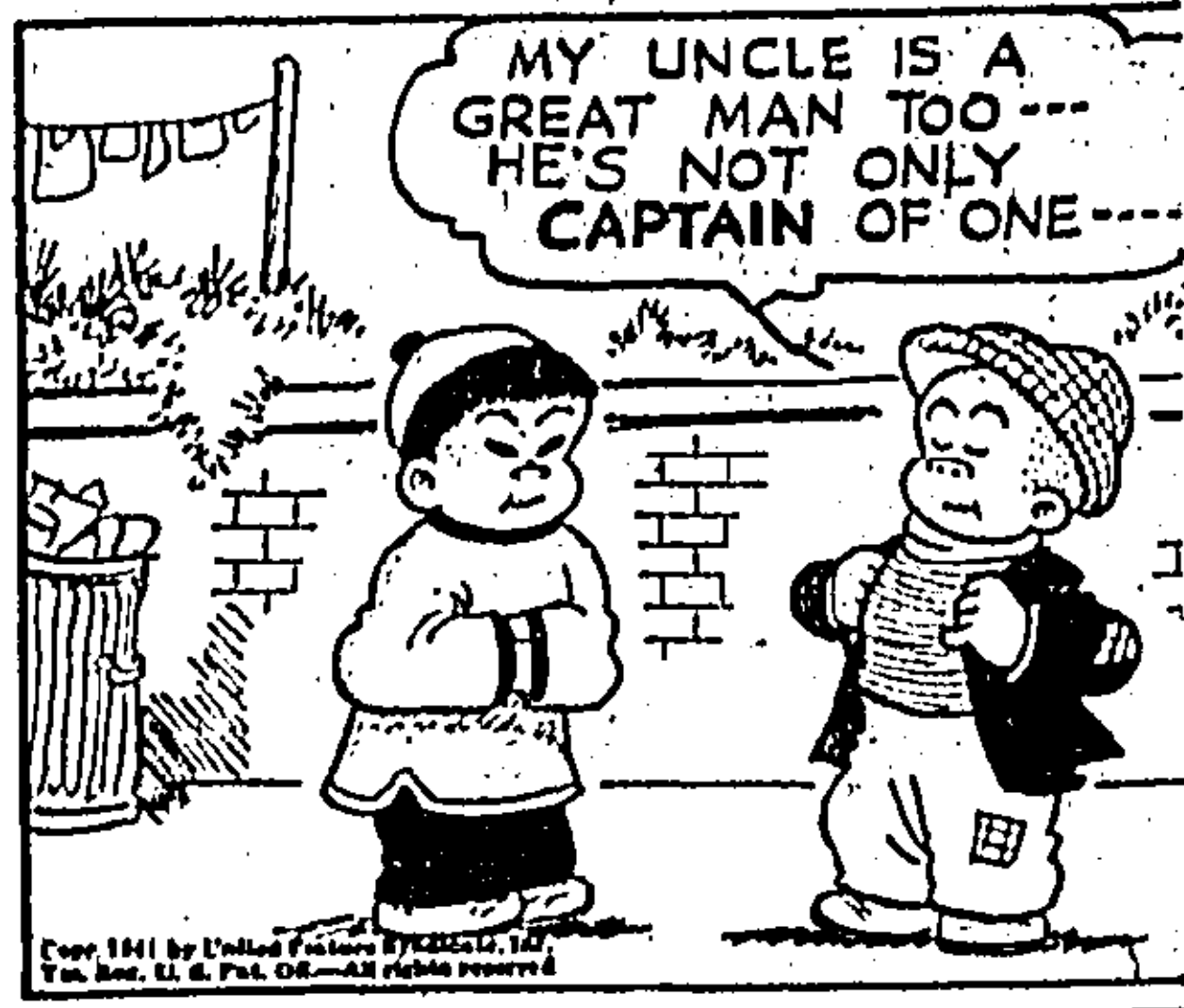
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## Konoye Calls Cabinet To Discuss Mediation Issue

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, has decided to call an urgent Cabinet meeting on March 6 as the French have again failed to hand in their reply to the Japanese compromise formula for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute, says an official Japanese report.

The report adds that the French failure is attributed by political observers to delayed discussions among the French delegates in Tokyo and not deliberate intention on the part of France to postpone or break up the mediation conference.

Since the French have clearly expressed a desire for a satisfactory conclusion, the Japanese authorities are said to be calm.

### French Warned

TOKYO, Mar. 6 (UP).—It is reported that Mr. Matsukata, Saito of the Foreign Office visited the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henry this afternoon and warned him that any delay in the French reply may bring about a serious situation. He said Japan was unwilling to extend the armistice period for a third time. However, the Japanese Government is hoping to receive the French reply by Thursday at the latest.

### Talks Continue

VICHY, Mar. 5 (UP).—The latest despatches from Tokyo report that the conversations between Ambassador Henry and Mr. Matsukata have not been wholly completed and will continue to-morrow, if necessary. It is believed that the Japanese will prolong the armistice.

It is unofficially stated that the French would like to establish a special demilitarised zone in French territory, in which the Thailanders would not be allowed to plant troops or build fortifications.

## FASCISTS IN SPAIN Legal Privileges

MADRID, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Members of the National Council of the Falange (Fascist) Party have been given a privileged position with regard to the law, under a decree published to-day. The decree states that no National Councilor can be arrested without an order from the head of the Party, unless caught in flagrante delicto, in which case the head of the Party must be immediately advised.

Legal action can be taken against National Councilors but only subject to the authorisation of the President of the Falange Political Board. Other Falange authorities cannot be arrested except by an order of special judicial authorities who are empowered under the new law to try them in cases other than flagrante delicto.

### Hsu Protests

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (UP).—Mr. Hsu Shih-ying attended this afternoon's session of the People's Political Council, which he has been attending since Saturday. He said that it was nonsense to say he had been in Hongkong meeting anybody.

## Prince Konoye Leaves Sickroom For Palace

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Domel).—The Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, proceeded to the Imperial Palace this afternoon. Received in audience by the Emperor, the Premier reported to the Throne on political affairs under his jurisdiction.

## GLASGOW CHEERS King And Queen Visit Factories

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The King and Queen paid an eight-hour visit to Glasgow to-day and received a tremendous welcome. The King talked to the dockers' leaders of the importance of handling ships quickly and was assured by the Secretary of the Scottish Transport Workers' Union that all their energies were directed to unloading ships in the shortest possible time. "I am very glad to hear that. It is of vital importance these days," said the King. Their Majesties visited the factories and inspected a big parade of A.R.P. personnel and Home Guard. Vast crowds cheered them at all points in their drive round the city.

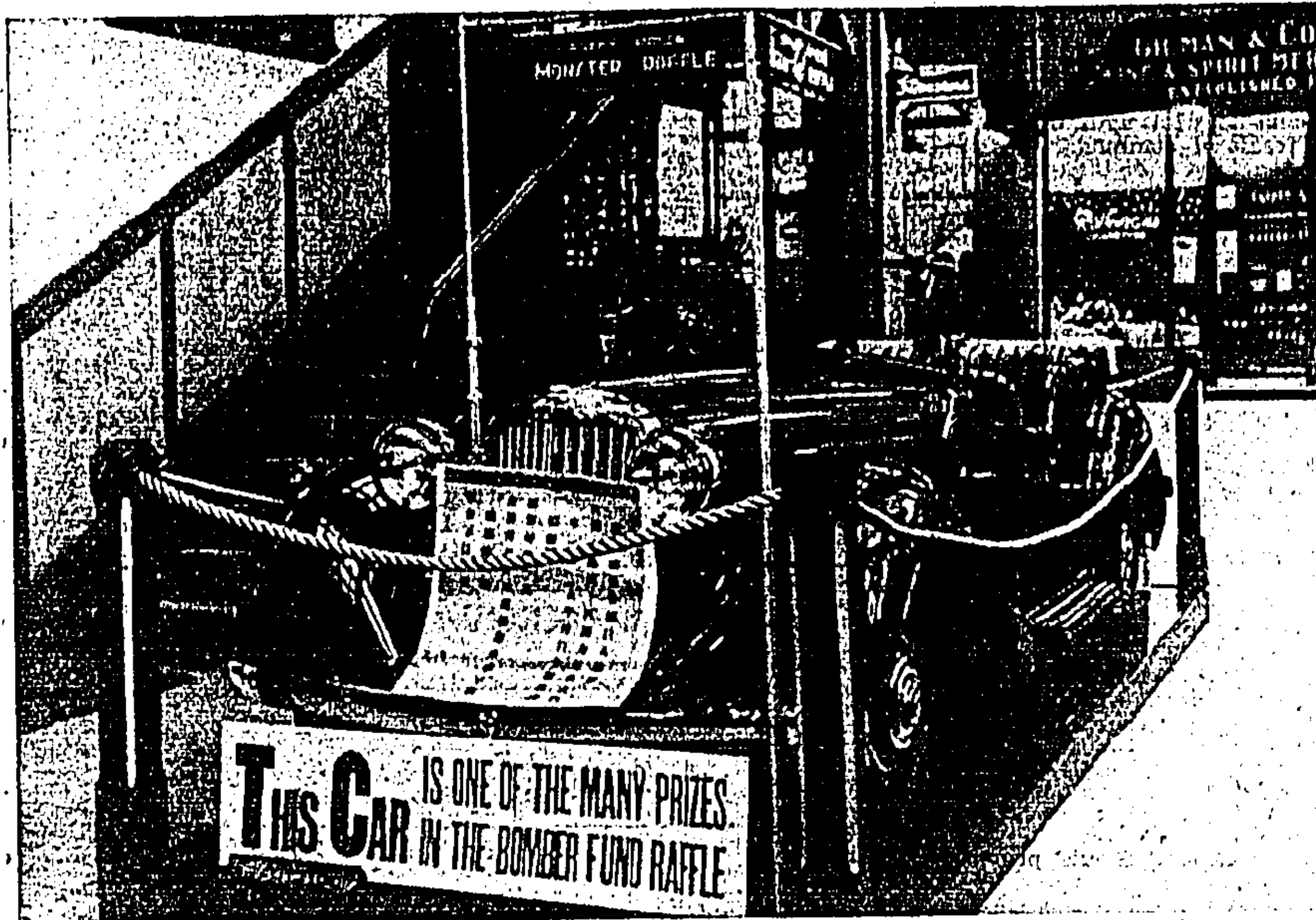
## Netherlands East Indies Women Must Register

BATAVIA, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—For the first time in her history, the Netherlands East Indies has begun registering women for compulsory services. According to the Batavia radio, registration is compulsory for all female Dutch subjects, whether European or native, aged 18 to 55, having a primary schooling. The idea is to prepare women for tasks to which they are suited and to which they may be allotted in an emergency.

### Air Traffic

BATAVIA, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Traffic between the Netherlands East Indies and Australia is gaining daily in significance, declares the Batavia radio, adding that all planes flying to Australia are full up until April 21.

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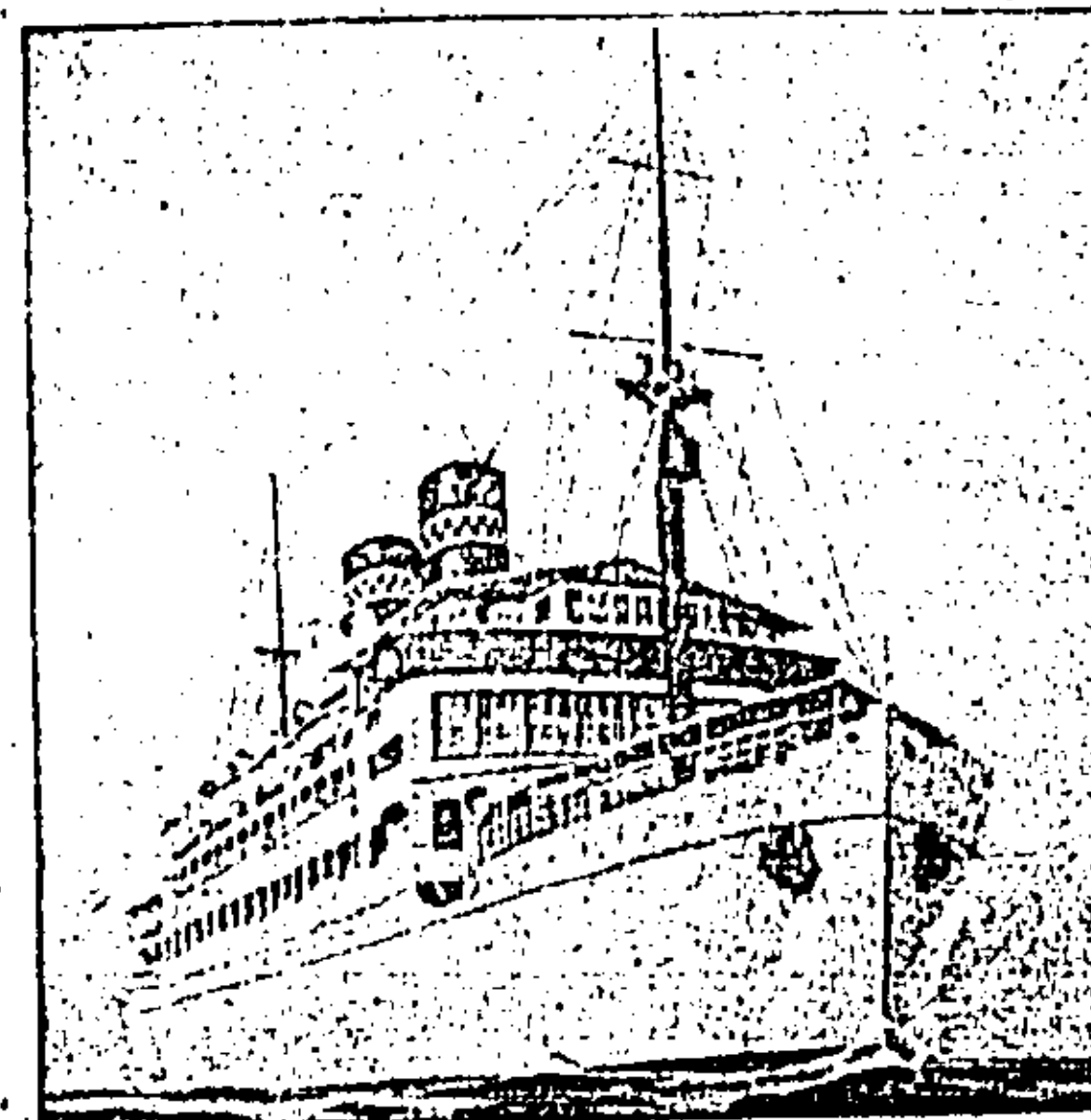
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## Panama Bases For America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—PANAMA, Mar. 5 (UP).—The Panamanian Government has agreed to grant the United States air and anti-aircraft bases outside the Canal Zone for the defence of the Panama Canal in accordance with the long-standing request from the United States.

## English Harvest

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—No one will be called up from farms for military service until after the harvest. This was announced by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, to-day. He said that this announcement was made in view of the importance of food production during the next few months.



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## First A. R. P. "Dictator" Resigns

Mr J. E. Arnold James, the Town Clerk of Stepney, E., was appointed in November last civil defence "dictator" of the borough.

Recently it was announced that he had resigned that post. The Ministry of Home Security stated that Mr James had asked to be relieved of his duties as A.R.P. controller.

Mr W. Eric Adams, town clerk of Islington, N., had been appointed to exercise those functions.

Mr James became the first civil defence "dictator" when the Ministry of Home Security and Health, under the Defence Regulations, gave him full powers formerly exercised by the Stepney Borough Council Emergency Committee.

Mr James was thus able to take more direct action than was possible beforehand to deal with difficulties as the result of bombing.

He was a pioneer of the movement for bomb-proof shelters and arranged a transaction for raising the cost of construction without the sanction of the Home Office or County Council. The transaction was upheld by the courts.

## Eden's Novel Plan To Forestall Nazis

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In Athens to-day, according to the Athens radio.

He was joined there by King George of Greece.

Meeting Smuts

CAPE TOWN, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Colonel Denys Reitz, Deputy Premier, said in a speech here to-day that before General Smuts, who arrived at Natal on Tuesday, returned south, he wanted once more to confer with Mr Eden and General Wavell.

Recalling General Smuts' previous visit north, Colonel Reitz said: "I do not know whether it is a case of cause and effect, but you will remember that almost immediately after the conference at Khartoum with Mr Eden and General Wavell there followed dramatic victories in Libya. "We hope that equally valuable results will follow his present visit as regards the Italian 'catchment' in Abyssinia."

Mussolini the Misguided

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## ATTACK ON BOULOGNE

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fighters near the British coast and six Spitfires were shot down.

Bombless Day

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—No bombs have been dropped in any part of Britain during daylight to-day, and it is now officially confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed last night, both by anti-aircraft fire.

Our Victims

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—During R.A.F. operations over France, one Messerschmitt 109 was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters, six were probably destroyed and another was damaged, states the Air Ministry.

## U-Boats May Attack Turkish Shipping

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reinforcements. It is not too late, however, to carry Valona by a concerted Allied attack.

In the meantime, the Turks could help the Greeks by containing any many Germans and Bulgarians on their fronts as possible and perhaps after, if the opportunity offers, by advancing north of the Rhodope Mountains on Philippopolis.

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